

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
ISC
(100-80638)

DATE: 4/17/53

On 3/26/53, ASAC WHELAN telephonically advised that Mr. DAN SELIGMAN of FORTUNE MAGAZINE, telephone Judson 6-1212, Extension 715, had telephonically contacted him and requested to be advised whether or not the FBI had any current membership figures of the CP in the NY area. Mr. WHELAN asked that I handle the matter. I telephonically communicated with Mr. JOHN MC GUIRE of the Bureau concerning the above request. Mr. MC GUIRE stated that we should not give him the requested information.

I telephonically communicated with Mr. SELIGMAN on 3/26 to advise him that this information was not available. Submitted for record purposes.

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SA ALFRED P. NOVAK (100-4931)

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On 4/6/53 [redacted] of known reliability, advised SA ROBERT E. [redacted] that a man whose identity could not be ascertained by the Informant inquired of [redacted] (of National CP Headquarters) how a person could join the C. The man gave his address as [redacted]

According to the Informant, [redacted] told the man that his letter inquiring about party membership, had been received and would be turned over to the club in his community where it would be answered. b6
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- 1 - NY 100-26603 (CP, USA DISTRICT #2)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-12 (NEW YORK CITY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-65737 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-66638 (CP, USA - IS RESIDENCE)

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JOHN W. DOOLEY, SA (100-26603-C320)

CP-USA District #2
New York Division
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Attached hereto is a copy of a report of [REDACTED]
of known reliability, dated 4/14/53. The original report
was furnished to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY on 4/15/53. In this report,
informant gave an account of a meeting [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at which the circulation of the "Daily Worker"
was discussed.

The information contained in this report should not
be disseminated outside the Bureau unless it is sufficiently
paraphrased to protect informant.

The original report is filed as serial [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
1-NY 100-107095 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-72693 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-107098 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-26603 (CP-NY State)
1-NY 100-80638 (CP-Membership)
1-NY 100-80635 (CP-Jewish)
1-NY 97-169 (DAILY WORKER)

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Report Communist Party U.S.A.
Activities

April 14, 1953
New York

A meeting of the [] of the Communist
Party of the [] at the
apartment of []

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At the meeting were present: []
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Because of the small attendance (there are [] "comrades"
in this club) the meeting was "informal".

[] discussed the question of The Worker and the
Daily Worker subscription drive.

She gave the figures of the [] quota which are:
Daily Worker - [] subs. The [] secured only about [] subs.
The Worker - [] subs secured only about []

She said that New York City and State has a quota
of [] subs for The Worker and [] for the Daily, and that
up till now only about [] subs for the Worker were secured
and about [] subs for the Daily Worker.

She said that "it certainly doesn't look so good.
The 15th of April is the deadline with 2/3 of the quota not
fulfilled."

During the discussion [] asked a question:
"How many members have we got in the State of New York?" No
one seemed to know for sure. [] said: "Maybe []"
[] said: "I don't think we have that many members. I
believe [] is tops". [] said that []
or [] if everyone of the members in New York State alone
would subscribe to The Worker and if the rest of the members
over the country (excluding California where the party publishes
the "People's World") would do the same The Worker and the
Daily Worker would have a sizeable circulation.

[] remarked that this is exactly what is troubling the leadership.

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The U.S. is the only country where the party press has a smaller reading circle than the number of members. In almost every country the readers of the party press are 3-4 times larger than the CP membership. The readers of the party press in this country are about 50% of the party membership. The party press in the US should have, comparing with the readers of the party press in other countries, about 200,000 readers.

The meeting didn't come to a conclusion on this point except the remark by [] "it's just to bad our members and sympathizers still don't understand the importance of reading and supporting our press." It was decided to continue to "work hard" and to get new readers.

The Bronx is now concentrating on getting readers for The Worker and The Daily Worker by visit members of ALP. The ALP, [] said, gave us "a select list" of their members to be approached to become subscribers for the Worker. He said that "these ALP members are close to the CP. They can be trusted. At least they wouldn't throw us out." According to [] names from this "selected list" of ALP'ers are now being distributed among the CP clubs for the members to visit them and talk them into becoming readers and especially subscribers of The Worker and the Daily Worker.

[] raised the question of anti-semitism in connection with the Prague trials and the arrest of the doctors in the Soviet Union. She said that her family, friends and neighbors keep on asking her questions on the subject of anti-semitism and "I really don't know what to answer. I read some articles on the subject in The Daily Worker but I got out very little from them: Somehow they were too complicated for me. I think we ought to have a discussion on this subject for the purpose of clarifying the points that the ordinary, plain people are asking." [] and [] agreed with [] They stated they too were being asked some questions on this subject and that they "were embarrassed" because they didn't know how to answer, certain questions.

It was decided to hold a "question and answer" discussion at the next meeting of the Club which will take place on April 13th, 1953.

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SAC, New York (100-26603)

May 1, 1953

Director, FBI (100-3-4)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT NO. 2
NEW YORK DIVISION
INTERNAL SEC RITY - C

Reference is made to the quarterly report of Special Agent Joseph F. Waters dated April 17, 1953, at New York, particularly that portion of the report relating to Communist Party membership for District No. 2. It is noted that the New York Office estimated that there are 11,332 Communist Party members in District No. 2 located in the New York Division. This figure of 11,332 represents an increase of 330 members over the former figure of 11,502 as of December 31, 1952.

The Bureau has further noted from your explanation on the Administrative Page that your office has no informant who is in a position to furnish Communist Party membership data for District No. 2. The New York Office must take immediate positive steps to develop security informants, confidential sources and investigative techniques so that it will be in a position to furnish reliable membership figures for District No. 2. Since approximately one half of the Communist Party membership is concentrated in the New York area, it is imperative that accurate membership figures on this large segment of the total membership be obtained so that the Bureau can be assured that the total estimated Communist Party membership is an accurate membership.

The Bureau cannot accept in the future your present basis for estimating Communist Party membership in District No. 2. If you analyze your present basis for your computation it will be quickly apparent that your basis of estimating membership has a fairly large margin for error.

You advised that under date of February 10, 1952, the Bureau furnished the New York Office with a listing of the estimated membership figures which had been furnished to the Bureau by all field offices as of December 31, 1952.

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This total Communist Party estimated membership was 25,497. The New York District No. 2 membership in this figure was 12,000, thus leaving 13,497 for the other 49 offices. On March 30, 1951, [redacted] furnished information to the effect that at that time Communist Party membership in District No. 2 represented 47.475% of the total Communist Party membership. Based on this percentage figure the New York Office then utilized the estimated membership 13,497 as reported by the 49 offices (New York, Albany, Buffalo not included) to arrive at the present total for District No. 2 as 12,200 individuals. By deducting the recently developed membership information reported by Albany (209) and Buffalo (159) the New York Office reports an estimated 11,332 members in District No. 2 covered by the New York Division.

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The New York Office, therefore, is using a 1951 percentage formula (47.475%) which may no longer be accurate and is utilizing this percentage formula against membership figures which are estimated figures furnished by 49 field offices. Many of these 49 offices have informants who are in a position to furnish up-to-the-minute membership figures while other offices are like the New York Office with no security informants in a position to report up-to-the-minute membership data. Obviously the New York Office must develop its own reliable security informants, confidential sources and other investigative techniques so that reliable membership data can be obtained.

Apparently the New York Office did not have access to the March 1953 bulletin, volume I, entitled "Party Voice" issued by the New York State Communist Party at the time referenced report was prepared. The supplement to this issue of "Party Voice" sets forth certain information concerning the membership registration in New York State. For example, this supplement reveals that 92.4% was achieved in the state-wide registration. It also reveals that "only several hundred new members were recruited in 1952 - at least 10% came through the work of one Party section in the Distributive Trades."

This supplement also reveals that the present Negro membership is the lowest percentage since 1937. The supplement also reveals that only 43% of the Communist Party members have been in the Party less than ten years and 80% of the members are between the ages of 35 to 45. The supplement also set forth that for the first time in years, the Party has more women than men. It also indicated that the most serious loss of membership has been among the Puerto Rican members, with a drop in the last four years of 400%. In view of the important information appearing in this Party publication concerning membership, the New York Office is instructed to closely review this issue of "Party Voice" and furnish to the Bureau promptly by letter all pertinent information gleaned therefrom concerning registration and membership of the Communist Party for District No. 2. The New York Office should in the future closely follow all Party publications, especially this new publication "Party Voice" for information relative to membership and other Party activities.

SAC, NY

5/13/53

JOHN J. BOOLEY, SA (100-26603-C320)

CP USA DISTRICT #2
New York Division
IS-C
(Kingsbridge Section)

Attached hereto is a copy of a report of [redacted] of known reliability, dated 4/20/53. The original report was furnished to SA JOHN W. BOOLEY on 5/4/53. In this report informant described a meeting of the [redacted]

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The original report is filed as serial [redacted] of [redacted]

[redacted]
1-NY 100-72693 [redacted]
1-NY 100-107098 [redacted]
1-NY 100-75829 [redacted]
1-NY 100-47142 (May Day Committee)
1-NY 100-100379 (Parkchester Committee)
1-NY 100-80638 (CP-Membership)
1-NY 100-86624 (CP-International Relations)
1-NY 100-80635 (CP-Jewish)
1-NY 65-15348 (ROSENBERG)

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Report

Communist Party U.S.A.
Activities

April 20, 1953
New York

A meeting of the [redacted] of the Communist Party of the [redacted] at the apartment of [redacted] at the [redacted] meeting were present [redacted]

[redacted] of the Communist Party said that except [redacted] the other [redacted] present at the meeting were present at the last meeting of the [redacted] and that it will be only a repetition to go over the things that "we already know."

She said that each one of the members of the [redacted] must march in the May 1st parade this year". She said that it is "a must" to attend the party in honor of the DECATURS (at 3423 DeKalb Ave., Bronx, N.Y., on April 18, 1953) whom the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. is trying to evict from their apartment at the Lark ester project. She asked the members of the club to sell as many tickets as possible for this affair (sample of ticket enclosed in another report).

Asking if anyone wants more of the May Day literature and May Day buttons for distribution [redacted] took some for distribution in the section he resides [redacted]

[redacted] The same "comrade" was the only one who took tickets for the Decatur party to sell among his friends.

After these preliminaries [redacted] complained that she has "too much trouble" in trying to get the "Comrades" to come to the regular club meetings. She said that is making "dozens of phone calls" and personal visits to the Club members; that they promise to come to the meeting but "always at the last minute" they call her up telling her that they can't come, giving different excuses. She said that she is getting "discouraged and disappointed" and "I don't think I'm going to hold on to the job of being [redacted] the Club". She complained that of "some 8-10 club members only about 4, or so comrades show up and the rest seemed to ignore the whole business."

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she mentioned the [] who always come to the meetings: [] and [], which didn't come to this meeting because she has a cold.

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[] explained that he was [] to this club and that after this meeting he will not be able to come to another meeting of the Club for about [] weeks.

[] said that she is "seriously thinking of resigning." [] and [] told her that resigning as [] is no solution to the question of members not attending the club meetings; a way must be found how to make the members to attend meetings.

The question was not resolved at this meeting. "We must try to do something" said []

It was decided to have "an educational discussion." No one had prepared anything, so it was decided that [] will "lead a discussion" on anti-semitism in the Soviet Union in connection with the freeing of the doctors in Moscow.

[] repeated part of what he said on a previous discussion that the stand taken by Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia against Zionism has nothing to do with Anti-Semitism. He pointed out that the world socialist movement was fighting Zionism before the Communist parties came into existence because Zionism was being considered by the Socialists as a political reactionary movement. The Communist parties and Soviet government and the governments of the other socialist countries inherited their present attitude towards Zionism from the Socialists. From the Prague trials one could deduct that some party members and possibly some Soviet doctors did work with certain Zionists. The trials might be interpreted by the "Soviet haters" as anti-Semitism but this is not the fact. The fact is that as soon as the Soviet government finds out that the doctors were "framed up" and that a party leader tried to stir up an anti-Semitic name around the arrest of the doctors in Moscow he was arrested and the doctors were freed

After this outline [] said that the fact that "Pravda" and the Soviet government came out "openly and courageously" and said that a mistake has been made and freed the doctors" shows once more that the Soviet Union, a socialist country is very careful about the protection of its citizens. It's not like here in this country where two innocent Jewish people are condemned to death on a charge of being spies and the whole world including the government knows

that the ROSENBERGS were framed and still the government wants to murder the. Soviet justice is socialist justice and only in a country like the soviet Union a thing like the sacc of the doctors could happen."

He underlined that "anti-Semitism is a crime against the state in the Soviet Union. We haven't got such a law in our country. While the Soviet government is prosecuting anti-semites members of our government are encouraging every anti-semita to do the work of spreading anti-semitism and anti-Negroism, etc."

After a few similar remarks made by the rest of the comrades [] remarked that it was "a very interesting and enlightening discussion."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: May 14, 1953

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA Membership
ISAC

The Bureau has instructed this office that exact data on the membership statistics of the Communist Party must be obtained.

It is expected that records reflecting this data would be maintained by those functionaries of the CP who are responsible for finances, as well as those who are the area leaders such as county chairman and organizers. Information from informants indicates that dues are collected from members by the club, then turned over to the section financial director, and then to the regional who turns in his receipts to the county chairman or financial director. From this point the dues go to the State and National organizations.

In the conduct of investigation of a CP member, particular attention should be paid to the possibility that he keeps Party records. If the keeping of records by him is established, this information should be recorded in instant file, or in the event financial records are maintained, that fact should be recorded in the file entitled: CP, USA- Funds; IS-C. (100-74560)

It should be borne in mind that this data will be of great assistance whether it pertains to a club, section, county, or any other organizational unit of the COMMUNIST PARTY.

cc: 100-74560 (CP, USA- Funds)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM : UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : JOSEPH V. WATERS, SA (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT #2
IS - C

DATE: 5/7/53

On 4/22/53, [] furnished SA RICHARD H. BLASSER with a copy of "Party Voice", "a bulletin issued by the New York State Communist Party", Volume 1, Number 1, dated March, 1953. The informant advised that this publication is intended for circulation among the leadership. It is noted that the issue contains no masthead identifying the publisher.

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An examination of this issue reflects the following articles:

1. "On the Draft Resolution of the National Committee" by JULES COPENHAGEN
2. "The Resolution and Some Experiences in New York" by KARL MICHAEL
3. "Facts for the Press Drive"
4. "Notes on a County Discussion on the Draft Resolution"

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1-NY 97-169 (Daily Worker)
1-NY 100-13472 (GILBERT GREEN)
1-NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON)
1-NY 100-80633 (CP, USA - Education)
1-NY 100-80634 (CP, USA - Farmers)
1-NY 100-74560 (CP, USA - Funds)
✓ 1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)
1-NY 100-80640 (CP, USA - Negro Question)
1-NY 100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
1-NY 100-81675 (CP, USA - Pamphlets and Publications)
1-NY 100-79717 (CP, USA - Political Activities)
1-NY 100-80639 (CP, USA - Review Commission)
1-NY 100-81338 (CP, USA - Security Measures)
1-NY 100-89590 (CP, USA - Strategy in Industry)
1-NY 100-80643 (CP, USA - Women Matters)

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5. "A Queens Educational Director
Writes"
6. "Labor Must Lead the Struggle for Peace"
by ROBERT THOMPSON
This is described as "Excerpts from report
of N.Y. State Chairman, Communist Party,
to State Convention, 1950".

A Supplement to this issue has an article "For a
Marxist-Leninist Policy on Party Organization" by LEE AMISTAD.

Another article in the Supplement is "The Nineteenth
Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union" by JEROME
GOLDEN.

In AMISTAD's article, there is a section on
"Vigilance", containing a passage from a Review Commission
statement. In this statement there appears what purports to
be a current quotation from GIL GREEN.

This document is being maintained as serial 6262
in 100-26603.

SAC, NY

May 26, 1953

SA ELDRED W. COX (100-34632)

CP, USA
DIST. #2
WATERFRONT SECT.
NY DIVISION
IS-C

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that he had observed the following items in apartment 40, 295 Ft. Washington Ave., the apartment occupied by JIM and BERTHA MC GOWAN, on May 15, 1953:

1. Numerous CP books and leaflets.
2. A machine for recording dictation.
3. A typewriter.

4. Various personal effects belonging to [redacted] Among [redacted] belongings was an undated handwritten memorandum. The memorandum did not identify the writer of the memorandum, but apparently was written to answer charges against the unnamed writer. These charges were that a report made by the unnamed writer at a previous meeting of the Waterfront Section was "Anti-Party" and "Anti-Class Struggle." In answering these charges, the unidentified writer claimed that he had thought he was acting in accord with proper standards of CP "Self-Criticism."

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Also among [redacted] possession were several pay envelopes. One of these dated 2/3/53 was for the sum of \$13.55. The line marked "Name" on this envelope bore the number "11650-1". The notation "Check No. 5712" also appeared on the envelope. This was a pay envelope of the John T. Clark and Son Company, 17 State Street, NYC. It appears that [redacted] may have been working for this company.

Also among [redacted] effects were several pages of rough draft articles directed to members of Local 864, apparently a longshoremen's local, probably of the ILA. These articles attacked the ship owners.

- 1 - NY 100-28715 (NMU)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - NY 100-98494 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-37726 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-91796 (JIM MC GOWAN)
- 1 - NY 100-92752 (BERTHA MC GOWAN)
- 1 - NY 100-80080 (ILA)
- 1 - NY 100-107111 (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE)
- 1 - NY 100-26503 (CP EDUCATION)

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NY 100-34632

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5. Personal effects of [redacted] NMU Book #
59661. This NMU book reflected an address for [redacted] of [redacted]
[redacted] An envelope among this material bore the name
[redacted] indicating that [redacted] and [redacted] were
probably two names for the same individual.

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6. A small notebook which contained only the following
table:

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The significance of this table is not known, but it appears likely it was a running tabulation of some effort by the Water-front Section, possibly for "Daily Worker" subscriptions, registrations or fund drive.

7. Several hundred stamped envelopes bearing the return address, Room 2, 1050 6th Ave., at 40th Street, N.Y. 18, N.Y. These envelopes contained the following literature:

a. A leaflet, "Einstein Supports Rosenberg Appeal" issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

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b. A leaflet, "Fact Sheet in the Rosenberg Case," issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

c. A letter headed, "Labor Committee to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs," 1050 Sixth Ave., NY, NY, 3/23/53 and signed ABE WEISBURD, Sect.

T-1 furnished one of these envelopes, which is being made an exhibit in 100-107111 -
The envelopes bore no addresses.

8. Several ships' crew lists.

9. A "Question Guide on Prague Trials" issued by the NY State Committee, CP, USA.

10. A "Guide for Discussion and Study of 'On the Threshold of Communism' by Y.M. MALENKOV" issued by the NY State Committee, CP, USA.

T-1 furnished a copy of this item which is being made an exhibit in 100-26603- (CP Education).

11. Numerous scraps of paper and receipt books which indicate that subscription money was being handled by the occupants of the apartment. No names appeared on these papers.

12. A 14 page evaluation of a branch of the Waterfront Section. This evaluation follows:

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"EVALUATION

"The branch was organized about three months ago. One of the purposes of forming this branch was to get several comrades who had been floating without any organized contact with a Party group into a group. From this aspect, the branch has been very successful. In this branch were included [] comrades, [] and [] who previously did not belong to a branch, and who since joining this branch, have made their contribution to the fight in an organized way. b6 b7C

"On the question of branch organization -- Attendance at meetings has been consistent and regular, and we have had no serious problem on this question. All absences have been for valid reasons with the people involved notifying the branch of their expected absence. There is, however, one question on absenteeism that I would like to raise. It is an absence for very valid reasons. This is the absence of [] from several meetings, and the fact that she can give no guarantee of attendance at meetings from one week to the next. This stems from the fact that the comrade has several assignments which are not directly connected with branch work. Recognizing that this is not the fault of the comrade involved, I have taken this question up with a representative of the Sec. Comm. to see if the comrade's work can be arranged in such a manner as to guarantee attendance at all meetings.

"Constant and regular attendance at branch meetings is the first prerequisite of a member of the Party and should be the main channel through which the major portion of tasks and assignments should flow.

"On the question of dues -- The branch has also been consistent and regular with dues. They have been paid the first or second weeks of the month due, and the situation of a comrade being several months in arrears has not been allowed to develop.

"On the question of financial responsibility to the Party -- I believe that the branch has a good record on this. In the only fund drive, we have participated in as a collective body, we reached a 100% of our goal. Although this was not done in the specific time allotted and several questions came up which required long and thorough discussion, criticism and self-criticism, I believe the branch as a whole has advanced to a new awareness of political responsibility of financial matters to the Party.

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"The sustainer, though it has had a tendency to become lax during periods of fund drives, and to dwindle during periods of fluctuation of economic fortunes of our members, has become a recognized political responsibility and has been coming in on a pretty regular basis.

"On educationals -- The branch has had a consistent program for educationals around basic Marxist works. There have been disagreements and misunderstandings around the presentation and method of educationals from time to time, but I believe we have advanced, if not on the method and presentation of the educationals, then on the method of raising criticism and self-criticism. What has been our major weakness, and it has been recognized, is the fact that the educationals of the branches of the Section are wholly dependent on the branches alone and no organized educational plan has been followed. We have heard from time to time of such a plan being worked out, but as yet, it has not been put into operation.

"On the important question of criticism and self-criticism -- The branch has made big steps forward. This was evidenced by the criticism and self-criticism around the fund drive in which the whole branch advanced and, more recently, on the discussion of the educationals where the method and correct way of raising constructive criticism was discussed and an understanding of correct methods of raising criticism were advanced. I believe that the full understanding of the role and method of criticism and self-criticism is one of the most important weapons which the branch can develop to strengthen itself organizationally and politically. For it is only with a full understanding and application of this question that we can correctly evaluate our work, learn from our mistakes, and strengthen the weaknesses which we have.

"A weakness I feel is important to the branch is our failure to hold in an organized fashion discussions on the current political happenings of the day. We have, from time to time, assigned different comrades the job of collecting material and leading discussions on some of the current happenings, but it wasn't done in a consistent organized manner to insure the continuance of the policy. In our work, it is important that we keep abreast of and evaluate the major developments so that we can have a rounded-out understanding of the whole fight, which in turn will help us in our specific work set before us -- that of working among the maritime workers.

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"The biggest weakness in carrying out branch organization has been the failure of the branch exec. to meet and function. We have a branch exec at the present time; however, the duties of the persons on it have been limited, in the case of the dues, finance and membership director, to the collection of monies and in the case of the educational director, to planning educations. That leaves the major portion of the operation of the branch politically and organizationally to myself as branch organizer.

"In carrying out these political and organizational problems, I have been wanting and weak in many respects. The reasons for the lack of the exec functioning have been that the people involved have had so many tasks that it has been hard to sandwich another meeting into their schedules. I believe that if the branch is to function and carry out the tasks assigned to it that it is necessary for the branch exec to meet and plan the work of the branch in an organized fashion--if not on a weekly basis, at a minimum of every two weeks.

"I have dealt until now with the evaluation of the branch and its organization. I would like to deal now with the branch's activities in mass work. In the final analysis, it is this work which determines whether the branch is fulfilling its obligations to the class struggle. There can be the highest type of branch organization, but if it isn't translated into mass work, to work among the maritime workers, we will not have fulfilled our responsibilities.

"I would like to divide this into three parts: mailing, distributions, and contact. I do this because none of us are actually engaged in working among the maritime workers.

"On the question of mailing -- The branch has carried out a number of mailings to the home contact list which we have. The material mailed has been Rank & File, peace, and Smith Act material.

"The mailings have been carried out pretty successfully although perhaps, there could have been a more equal distribution of the work involved.

"One aspect of the mailing over which we have no control is the building of the contact list. With every mailing that goes out, the list becomes smaller and smaller because of the rejects which we get back. The question of building the contact list

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"Is the responsibility mainly belonging to those people directly in contact with the maritime workers. I have taken this question up with a representative of the Sec. Comm. to see if this can become a conscious policy of those people. We ourselves can do a little in this respect, as we are all acquainted with a large number of seamen whom we meet from time to time and from whom we can get their addresses if we asked for them.

"On distribution -- The branch as a whole went through a period of political development on this question. First, the period of ideological acceptance of the idea that we had to organize our time and to sacrifice our time in the form of sleep and pleasure to make these distributions, since most of the members work and do not ordinarily have the time for them. In the beginning, we made small attempts with correspondingly small but important accomplishments, until, in the recent period, every member has taken part in distributions on a mass scale-- though it is true that many of these assignments did not come through the branch organization, a question I will take up later in the evaluation. We must also recognize that the mass distributions were the result of a special situation, and we must guard against the disintegration of the mass distributions with the end of the special situation and to see that the distributions are not only continued but grow.

"On home contact -- The branch has done little or nothing. Again, this is primarily due to the immense amount of work which the individuals have confronting them and that, in some cases, makes finding time a big problem. But also I believe that the branch has not been convinced ideologically of the importance of making home contacts to the extent that they are willing to make sacrifices to carry out the program as was the case in making distributions.

"The branch as its formation was given the above tasks with an additional task. That of Civil Rights. The branch as a collective unit has done nothing on this question. I would like to discuss this more fully than we have done in the past.

"It has become the policy of the waterfront section, because of the immensity of the tasks confronting them and the mass of practical work involved in carrying out these tasks, to assign to different branches specific fields of work. Thus, we have one group handling peace, another group handling rank and file work, another group of selected people handling Smith Act work, and this branch handling Civil Rights.

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"Although this may be good on some minimum organizational basis, the tendency and actual fact has been that these various issues have become the sole property of the branch to which it is assigned, and to all intents and purposes, doesn't concern anybody else.

"These issues which have been assigned in this manner are interrelated phases of the same fight--the fight against fascism and reaction in this country--and in practice and in the carrying out of tasks, must be handled on an interrelated basis and not on a isolated basis as is being done. They must become the property of every group or branch of which the waterfront section is composed, and most important, must be forefront in the minds of the Sec. Comm. ~~with~~, because of the work it is involved in, sometimes tends to brush over these issues because it is this or that group's responsibility.

"Every group and branch should have a rounded-out policy and program covering all of these issues. It is only in this manner that we are going to be able to have a clear picture and be able to plan our work accordingly. An example of what the present policy leads to, I believe, can be given from the branch's own experience.

"The Committee to Defend Al Lannon was set up to organize the maritime workers to smash the indictment and to repeal the Smith Act. This Committee's work is a main phase of my work. On several occasions when we were having difficulties, I attempted to raise some of the problems of the Committee with the branch. Each time, I was told that it was the accepted policy that the Defense Committee had no business being discussed in the branch meeting. Meaning what? That the defense committee belonged to those individuals working in it and we could not appeal to the Party organization to help us solve our difficulties. Meaning also that the whole fight against the Smith Act, the arrests, the indictments, and the fight to repeal the Smith Act was the property only of those individuals working in the Defense Comm. and was not the property of the entire Party organization as it should be. This was not only true on the branch level, but, unfortunately on the Sec. Comm. level also.

"Thus all the work that has been accomplished by the Defense Comm. and the fight against the Smith Act is the result

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"of a few individuals' work and not the work of the Party organization. And the weaknesses of the Defense Comm. are the result of the Party organization and not of the individuals because they did not have the Party to help them solve these weaknesses.

"What has been true of the Defense Committee and the fight against the Smith Act is true of the issue of the peace fight, the rank and file fight, and is an explanation of why the branch has done nothing on the question of Civil Rights. We cannot formulate a whole program and policy for the whole Sec. independently, but it must be done on a collective basis by the whole Section. This is true of any given issue.

"I have taken this question up with a representative of the Sec. Comm. . I believe that there should be a change in this policy soon.

"One last question before the drawing of conclusions. This probably should have come up under the discussion of branch organization, but I felt it important to leave it for one of the last questions to be discussed.

"This is the question of organizational contact with the Sec. Comm. Under democratic centralism, the Sec. Comm. is the body which makes main policy on major questions and which formulates the carrying out of the work confronting us. This in turn is transmitted to the various branches for putting into action, for it is at the branch level that decisions and programs are translated in action.

"Since the formation of the branch, the transmitting of program and policy organizationally through the branch apparatus has been weak. There was a period when we had no direct contact with the Sec. Comm.--a period when we got out program and policy through another branch. This method proved impractical in the sense that, although we would get a program and policy, there was little opportunity for the action of democratic centralism -- of ideas and criticism, when necessary, going from the branch to the Sec. Comm. Then a sub-comm. of the Sec. Comm. was set up where several branch organizers and a representative of the Sec. Comm.

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"met and where there was free play for both aspects of democratic centralism: up and down. This, however, because of the press of practical activity coming out of numbers of special situations, such as the NMU Convention, Longshore Strike, was disrupted completely and the branch has had no contact organizationally whatsoever during the past month during a period of immense struggle on the waterfront when it was of even greater importance to maintain contact than it was during previous periods. This situation led to a development previously mentioned--that the assignment of tasks did not, and could not, come through the branch apparatus because of the breakdown of contact. This situation led to the Sec. Comm. dealing with the members of the branch as individuals and not as a collective body. This method, while it solved the immediate tasks temporarily, leads and has led, to a certain extent, to the weakening of the branch and in turn leads to the weakening of the Sec. Comm. itself, for in working in this manner there is no opportunity for the thinking and experiences of the branch and its members to play a role in the struggle itself, but they can only carry out the practical tasks which we have done. We recognize the immense steps made forward in this period in the field of practical activity and the vast amount of work done, but as [] pointed out last meeting, it is precisely in these periods of immense struggle that the Party must strengthen itself organizationally, that we must come out of every battle better organized to continue the fight and meet the new situations which every period of struggle creates, and not find that after the fumes and smoke of battle clear away that we have to rebuild the Party organization before we can think of tackling the new situations which have arisen. In the final analysis, it is the highest type of Party organization which will guarantee that the practical work, under the press of which the Party organization was disrupted, will not only continue to be carried out but will grow to a scale which is necessary if we are to play an effective role among the maritime workers.

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"This situation is beginning to be rectified. In my meeting last week with a representative of the Sec. Comm. I raised these criticisms, and they were agreed with. I raise them here so that we will know how the situation developed and learn from our mistakes so that we not only will not repeat them again, but will insure the strengthening of the Party as a whole.

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"In any discussion to evaluate only the organizational and political aspects without an evaluation of the individuals composing the membership of the branch would not be complete. Therefore, I will begin with myself.

"As branch organizer, I bear the main responsibility for the functioning of the branch and the carrying out of the tasks assigned to the branch. Many of the weaknesses which the branch has shown can be directly attributed to me.

"My main failure, as it was the main weakness of the organization of the branch, was my failure to find the methods by which the branch exec could function. It was my political responsibility to find the methods in conjunction with the members of the branch and to fight through for meetings of the exec. By not doing this, many of the weaknesses such as the lack of consistent organized discussion around political happenings of the day, the failure of the branch to take independent action around the question of the present press fund drive, even though there was the lack of contact and the lack of an organized plan from the Sec. Comm., and other weaknesses could have been avoided. Also I tended at times, because of the press of practical activity and of the immense amount of work facing me in the Defense Comm. and going to school, to let some of these organizational problems of the branch slip by with not too much attention or with sporadic attempts to solve them. I too fell into the trap of letting the practical work dominate my actions as branch organizer in this respect.

"I think also that my approach and manner of conducting myself as branch organizer should be evaluated. In many cases, this determines the effect and the success with which the branch functions. I believe that my approach and conduct has been on the whole good. But I also believe that I have had tendencies at times to be sharp and at other times overbearing in my relations with members of the branch. An example of this I believe, was my conduct during the course of an educational where I believed I had certain valid criticisms to raise, but raised them in an incorrect manner in the middle of the educational, thereby completely disrupting the educational into a discussion of my criticism and my method of raising criticisms. Although I did not recognize this immediately, I did recognize it after a lot of thinking after the meeting and self-criticized myself at the following meetings.

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"Though this evaluation of myself would seem pretty much in the negative, I view the past period as organizer of this branch as one of political development for myself--a period of learning the methods and procedures of working jointly with the members of the branch and other people I come in contact with in the course of my other assignments in such a manner as to improve my own work and the work of others. I hope to, in the future, continue this development to a point where I can feel that I am making the fullest contribution possible to the fight against fascism and reaction in this country.

"I must make mention of the role of going to school in this development. Studying the methods of the Marxist-Leninist science has been one of the biggest things that has happened to me. Where I had a vague understanding before, I now have a sharp understanding. It has provided me with an understanding with which I can grapple with the problems that face us.

"On the evaluation of the members of the branch, I would like to state, as has been mentioned before, that in the case of every member, the attendance at meetings, payment of dues, and the meeting of financial obligations to the Party has been good. Most of what could be said about the development of the members during the past three months has been reflected in the main body of the evaluation, which has shown willingness and eagerness of the comrades to tackle the problems and tasks confronting us as a collective body ideologically, and to be concerned with translating these problems and tasks into action. There have been no major weaknesses exhibited by the members of the branch which were not a reflection of the weaknesses of the branch as a whole and, therefore, a problem of the branch as a whole to solve.

"On the other hand, the comrades individually have given many inspirations in the course of carrying out our work. The steady work of [] the deep ideological understanding of [] and the clear manner in which [] gets to the root of a problem once recognized, are a few examples of this. Every comrade has contributed to the growth of the branch.

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"The branch, however, has been weak in its approach to several members, both politically and from a point of view of helping these comrades solve some of their personal problems. Comrade [] I believe, is an example of this. From a political

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"point, we have not yet succeeded in the attempt to get him fully involved in the life of the branch. Comrade [] has been more like an observer than a member of the branch, taking little part in the making of decisions or the discussion of them. He has attended meetings regularly and sat and listened and then carried out the tasks which have been assigned to him.

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"It is the branch's responsibility to involve Comrade [] deeply in every aspect of the functioning of the branch.

"Also on the question of helping Comrade [] solve some of his personal problems--mainly, that of getting a job. As we all know, [] was screened as a direct result of his political convictions. He has remained unemployed for the biggest part of the time since then. This is due to the limited physical ability of [] who cannot take a good many jobs which are open, but must find one which he is capable of doing. I believe the branch has a responsibility to help [] locate this type of job.

"Another comrade to whom I think the approach of the branch was weak is Comrade []. Much of what was said about [] and his involvement in branch activities can be said of [] perhaps in a lesser degree. He has carried out all the decisions of the branch without too much participation in the making of these decisions. It is our responsibility to involve [] in the making of these decisions.

[] too has been unemployed for the past few months and has some problems on this question. I believe it is the branch's responsibility to help [] solve these problems.

"CONCLUSIONS

"When the branch was formed three months ago, we were a group of comrades who did not know each other too well. Some of us had worked together previously, but most of us had not.

"The past three months of activity has been one of political development of the branch as a whole, of finding the best methods of organization and work. It was a period of the forging of the branch into a single purpose and a single will -- that of fulfilling our obligations to the class struggle.

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"In the course of this, we have had weaknesses, many of which we were able to solve and advance the branch as a whole. Some of these still exist and are on the agenda for solving. In the course of this, we will advance the position of the branch to still higher levels.

"It has been a period in which the branch has more and more involved itself in the mass work among the maritime workers. In order to increase this mass work and to get the full benefit from this evaluation, I would like to propose the following tasks for the branch:

"(1) The main weakness of the branch organizationally has been the failure of the branch exec to function. I propose that finding the methods by which the branch exec can function be the first task taken up by the branch. Through proper functioning of the branch exec, with the cooperation and participation of the members, many of the existing weaknesses can be solved, such as an organized approach to the discussion of the important political and economic happenings of the day, the planning of independent action on such issues as the press fund drive, and the organizing of home contact.

"(2) That the maintenance of contact with the Sec. Comm. be the second task which we take up. Though we have made contact with the Sec. Comm. in the last week, I believe the branch bears a responsibility in maintaining this contact and of insuring the organized contact as long as this is possible and, if because of conditions it is impossible to maintain it except at widely spaced intervals, we be prepared politically and organizationally to carry on our obligations in the best possible manner.

"(3) If we recognize the policy of assigning branches and people to special fields of work in such a manner that this work becomes the sole property of that branch as an incorrect policy as outlined in the evaluation, that this branch make its position known on this question to the Sec. Comm. and fight for a change in this policy. I propose that the branch, through its exec., take immediate steps to formulate a rounded-out program on these various issues to eliminate this condition as far as this branch is concerned."

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On 5/19/53 SA E.W. COX discussed the first names mentioned in the above evaluation with [redacted] (protect identity with T symbol, or known reliability), who was [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the only [redacted] he had known in the [redacted] individual who was [redacted] and looked as though he might have [redacted]

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Concerning the name [redacted] stated that the two [redacted] he had known in the [redacted] were [redacted]

The only [redacted] that [redacted] could recall were [redacted] and JIM MC GOWAN.

The [redacted] was able to recall were [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not appear to be a very smart individual and would not be likely to be described as having a deep, ideological understanding.

Concerning the name [redacted] stated that he had a vague recollection that there was a girl named [redacted] in the [redacted] and he believed that she was possibly an "anchor" for some branch of the section. He could not recall any further details.

Previously recently obtained info re the [redacted] [redacted] has indicated that "BERNIE" has been active in this section. [redacted] stated that he recalled a BERNIE who had lived near the Waterfront Section and had been an active member from 1948 to 1950. He stated that this BERNIE was on relief and did odd jobs at the Waterfront Section, but was never a leader in this section. He recalled that he had seen BERNIE serving as an usher at the "Keep Victory Rolling Salute" held at St. Nicholas Arena in the fall of 1952. This BERNIE in conversation at the Victory Salute remarked that the youth movement was all shot. [redacted] described BERNIE as white, about 50 years old, 5'5", 190 lbs., glasses, clean shaven, greyish hair.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Confidential Informant T-1 is an anonymous source.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO SAC, NY Date: 5/26/53

FROM RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-C41)

SUBJECT OPUSA
District #2
NY Division (Queens Co)
IS-C

On 5/19/53, [] advised a CP meeting was held at []. Those present were as follows:

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The discussion was on the fund drive and dues. A discussion was also held to determine who would replace [] is going to Chicago. No decision was reached as to who would replace []. At the meeting [] suggested [] take over her duties as [] as she has too many duties now.

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The informant reported [] has to attend a meeting of all [] within the next two months. []

RUTH MULLER, former Maspeth CP Section Organizer is on a leave of absence from the CP because of a back ailment.

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1-NY 100-93861 []
1-NY 100-108771 []
1-NY 100-108503 []
1-NY 100-74560 (CP, USA - Funds)
1-NY 100-98144 []
1-NY 100-100921 (RUTH MULLER)
1-NY 100-99799 []
1-NY 100-98940 []
1-NY 100-72061 []
1-NY 100-114012 []
1-NY 100-76445 []
1-NY 100-110940 []
1-NY 100-86624 (CP, USA- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1-NY 100-26603-C1445 []
① NY 100-80638 (CP USA - Membership)

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RUTH MULLER told the informant she is a teacher at the East Side Progressive School on 11th Street, NYC. She has children who live in Ithica, NY. She has been married twice. She is originally from the Middle West. She is described as follows:

Age	48
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Weight	165-170 lbs.
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	light
Complexion	fair
Characteristics	Wears glasses on occasions
Nationality	Irish descent

RUTH MULLER claims to do psychiatric work for the CP.

After the CP meeting at [redacted] home there was a party at RUTH MULLER's home for [redacted] Those present were as follows:

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[redacted]

RUTH MULLER

[redacted]

About [redacted] people were present. [redacted] showed pictures of his wife's tour in Europe with their two children.

The informant advised that the CP members present were elated because the US was angry at Great Britain because of ATLEE's remarks.

[redacted] stated Sec. of State DULLES was touring Europe, etc., looking for new bottle fronts.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 5/27/53

FROM : JOHN W. DOOLEY, SA (100-26603-C40)

SUBJECT: CP-USA-DISTRICT #2
NEW YORK DIVISION
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(Bronx County)

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Attached hereto is a copy of a report of [redacted] of known reliability, dated 4/17/53. The original report was furnished to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY on 5/4/53. In this report, informant gave an account of what took place at a meeting of the Section Committee, [redacted]

Subjects discussed were [redacted]

[redacted] according to informant.

The information contained in this report should not be disseminated outside the Bureau unless it is sufficiently paraphrased to protect informant.

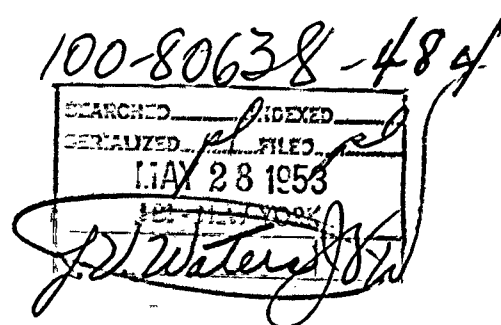
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- 1 - 100-82900 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-93120 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-107098 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-72693 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-93490 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-100379 [redacted] Committee)
- 1 - 100-74560 (CP-Funds)
- 1 - 97-169 (D.W.)
- 1 - 100-8522 (A.L.P.)
- 1 - 100-80638 (CP-Membership)
- 1 - 100-26603-C320 [redacted] Section)
- 1 - 100-107111 (ROSENBERG Committee)
- 1 - 100-80640 (CP-Negro)
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COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A.
ACTIVITIES

April 17, 1953
New York

A meeting of the [redacted] Section Committee
of the Communist Party of the [redacted]
[redacted] at the apartment of [redacted]
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At the meeting were present:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] phoned in
that she is sick and will not attend meeting.

Towards the end of the meeting [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] came.
The last two are not members of the [redacted] Section
Committee and they didn't participate in the meeting. The
chairman of the meeting was [redacted]

The first speaker was [redacted] He told the
meeting that [redacted] Committee of the Communist Party
decided that "our number one concentration is the case of the

[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] after some talk on the [redacted]
[redacted] participated
in a short discussion in which they expressed their agreement
with the decision of the country that this case is "a
number one party talk in the [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] reported that he received [redacted]
subs for the Worker "from the entire section [redacted]
during the last two weeks". He stated that "the sub drive
for the Daily Worker and the Worker is about to end and we
are still far behind in our quota". He said that he feels
that the club leadership of the section should be blamed for
the poor showing. He called upon the club organizers to
"to use party discipline" in making "the comrades go out and
get the renewals and new subs for the Worker. I want to tell
you one thing: We will not stop until we get our full quota
in this sub drive. So better make your members do some fast
leg work. Each club member must go out during the week-ends
and secure subs."

[redacted] agreed with [redacted] on this point. He said
that "thousands of people would want to read our paper. If
they don't read our press it's only because we failed to
reach them." He made a few remarks about the importance of
the Communist press: "We must remember that the Communist
press is the main builder of the Communist Party.. We can
not have a strong party without having a strong Communist
press... Through our press we give leadership to the entire
labor and progressive movement in the country."

[redacted] also spoke on the C.P. fund drive. He
asked the leadership of the [redacted] Section of the C.P.
to start lining up the club members for the raising of funds
for the present drive. He told the meeting that he didn't
as yet get the quota for the [redacted] section but he
understands that "each club will have to raise much more
money than it was raised during the last fund drive. Some
members will have to be taxed between 30 and 40 % more than

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last year." He said that this year the party (C.P.) will not give any money to political organizations, "such as the A.L.P. We are cutting down the expenses to the brim: many full time party functionaries will get only part time pay and part time functionaries will have to look for employment somewhere else. The wages of full time party leaders will also be cut." He further explained that these "adjustments must be made because of a sizeable drop in the party membership." He said that "no matter what we must go on with our work of educating the masses, we must carry on our struggle for peace and our fight for the right of the negro people. For that work we need funds and it's our duty to provide these funds."

[redacted] also gave a little talk on the work of the C.P. clubs in the [redacted] Section in general. He said that the party leadership of the [redacted] noted a few shortcomings in the work of the clubs. He underlined that other sections of the party in the [redacted] are at present concentrating on the work among the negro, Puerto Rican and the populations of different national-minority groups. He said that in the [redacted] Section the mass activities of the clubs should be concentrated on the work among the Irish, Italian and Jewish populations. He suggested that each club should study the needs of its immediate neighborhood and work out a program of activities in accordance with it. He also advised that the clubs should from time to time issue leaflets on different economic and political issues for mass distribution and he urged the club leadership to carry on regularly political discussions in the clubs and to see that each member should take part in these discussions. "This is the best medium of educating ourselves and preparing ourselves for leadership in our communities."

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After the meeting [redacted] distributed among the club leaders the enclosed literature and tickets for the reception to the [redacted] and May 1st buttons for distribution to the clubs for mass distribution in the neighborhoods.

[redacted] was assigned to represent the [redacted] Section of the C.P. at the May 1st conference on

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April 14th, 1953, at [redacted] asked [redacted] why he didn't mention the Rosenberg meeting of April 26th (Randal's Island Stadium) "I believe we should mobilize our clubs for this meeting"-said [redacted]

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[redacted] said: "The county (C.P. [redacted]) decided against making any special efforts for this meeting. Our special effort is on the [redacted] case and we are going to stick to this decision". A discussion (a "private" discussion- after the closing of the meeting) developed on this point. [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] were of the opinion that the "county made a politically wrong decision on the Rosenberg meeting" because the National Committee of the party stated many times and [redacted] said at open meetings that the Rosenberg case is the number 1 case today.

[redacted] claimed that there is "a lot of chauvinism attached to the Rosenberg case even in the party. It seems that every Jew is involved in the Rosenberg case. It's easy to get thousands of Jewish party members go to Washington for the Rosenberg picket line or to attend \$25 dinners given by the Rosenberg Committee while the same party members or members of progressive mass organizations wouldn't make one extra step to attend a meeting for negro rights, etc. I consider that the case of the [redacted] are to us, on a local scale, more important than the Rosenberg case". He said that of course "let everybody go the Rosenberg meeting. It's important but the county [redacted] is not mobilizing anyone". The rest of the members of the section committee voiced their disapproval of the stand taken on the Rosenberg by the County Committee of the C.P. and by [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: SAC, New York

Date: 5/27/53

From: PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: [REDACTED]

On 5/9/53, the writer met [REDACTED] at which time the informant furnished the information concerning Security Matter Subjects and Miscellaneous matters in the [REDACTED] Section of the CP [REDACTED]. Appropriate indication of this contact will be made in the individual case files of the individuals mentioned by the informant by means of a copy of this memorandum in the case file.

Mrs. CHESTER: The informant advised that Mrs. CHESTER is the owner of Chester's Zumber; that she informed him that the progressive members of the NYC Teachers Union frequent her establishment during the season; that she informed him that she was very friendly with progressives in the area such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and Doctor ELIAS; that [REDACTED] advised the informant that Mrs. CHESTER contributes heavily to the ALP funds for the area, and that [REDACTED] advised the informant that Mrs. CHESTER was a real old time member of the CP and the ALP. The informant described Mrs. CHESTER as being approximately 50 years of age, about 5' 1", 138 lbs., greying chestnut hair, round and motherly face, and a long time resident of the area.

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1 - NY 100-26603 - C 428 (CP, DISTRICT [REDACTED])
1 - NY 100-8522 (CP INFILTRATION INTO ALP)
① - NY 100-80638 (CP, MEMBERSHIP)
1 - NY 100-80640 (CPUSA; NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - NY 100-80641 (CPUSA ORGANIZATION)
1 - NY 100-102974 (ANN CHESTER)
1 - NY 100-104798 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-10965 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-NCF (DEAD) (LARRY BLUMBERG)
1 - NY 100-NCF (DEAD) (LOUIS BLUMBERG)
1 - NY 100-NCF (DEAD) (ESTELLE BLUMBERG)
1 - NY 100-NCF [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-NCF [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-NCF [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-NCF [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-NCF (DEAD) (DR. ELIAS)

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LOUIS BLUMBERG: The informant advised that LOUIS BLUMBERG is the principal of the South Fallsburg Central School System and is considered by the residents of the area as being "progressive"; that BLUMBERG, according to the [] registers and votes ALP; that BLUMBERG is regarded very favorably by the members of the CP known to the informant who reside in the area but has never been designated as a CP member to the informant by any of the CP members. The informant described BLUMBERG as being approximately 45 years of age, 5' 10", 190 lbs., thin, black hair, a resident of Woodridge for approximately seven years, married, no children. The informant advised that he was not familiar with the name of BLUMBERG's wife and added that he frequently got confused between the wife of LOUIS BLUMBERG and the wife of his brother, LARRY BLUMBERG. The informant advised that in his report of 3/2/53 ESTELLE and ESTERITA BLUMBERG were identical and were the wife of LARRY BLUMBERG.

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LARRY BLUMBERG: The informant advised that he has never been introduced to LARRY BLUMBERG, who is a partner in the Lake Huntington Nash Sales Inc., a Nash automobile distributing agency in Lake Huntington, NY, and who also owns a resort hotel in Lake Huntington, NY. The informant said that the LARRY BLUMBERG family were close friends and associates of the [] family and were highly regarded by the []. The informant said that both of the [] have described the LARRY BLUMBERGS to the informant as being very active in progressive affairs which the informant knows to mean that both the BLUMBERGS are active in CP affairs. The informant said that ESTELLE BLUMBERG is the wife of LARRY BLUMBERG.

[] The informant advised that [] and both were employed on the [] that [] worked in a [] prior to their employment with the [] and that both were fired because of their union organizing activity; that [] was not aggressive but would follow the leadership of [] that [] worked on CP matters, according to the [] and was devoting the major portion of his time and energy to CP affairs and recruiting among the Negroes. The informant described [] as being 6' 2" in height, 190 lbs., [] black hair and eyes, served in the [] born and raised in []

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[redacted] The informant advised that [redacted] was employed on the [redacted] and had previously been employed in a [redacted] which job he lost because of his union organizing activity; that [redacted] was described by the [redacted]

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[redacted] and who would work hours and days to win persons over to following the CP line; that [redacted] was aggressive and would use any device to get people to follow his way of thinking; that [redacted] was ambitious and eager to advance himself; that [redacted] was very talkative but yet seemed to be "security conscious"; that the [redacted] had told the informant that [redacted]

[redacted] The informant advised that [redacted] is 6' 2" in height, 200 lbs. in weight, [redacted] complexion, [redacted] hair and eyes, slight mustache, [redacted] unknown, born and raised in [redacted]

[redacted] The informant advised that [redacted] resided with her husband, [redacted] and one child on the [redacted] and were employed there; that [redacted] impressed him as having recently (within the past [redacted] years) arrived from [redacted]; that the [redacted] advised the informant that [redacted] was being boosted along because of her ability to get ideas across to the Negro people and that [redacted] would soon be able to be an active CP member; that [redacted]

[redacted] by the [redacted] The informant described [redacted] as being [redacted] years of age, [redacted] 5' 4" height, 125 lbs., [redacted] hair and eyes, born in [redacted]

[redacted] The informant advised that [redacted] resided on the [redacted] with his wife and child and was employed there; that [redacted] had recently arrived in [redacted] (within the past [redacted] years) from [redacted]; that [redacted] was very hesitant in his [redacted] but was being [redacted] by the [redacted] The informant described [redacted] as being [redacted] years of age, 5' 9" in height, 190 lbs., [redacted] hair and eyes, born in [redacted]

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[redacted] The informant advised that [redacted]
[redacted] resided in [redacted] with [redacted] name unknown,
both of whom are employed as [redacted]
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[redacted] that [redacted] attends
[redacted] courses not
known; that [redacted] has travelled widely in [redacted]
resided at one time in [redacted] is interested in [redacted]
drives a 1942 tan Chevrolet business coupe with NY plates but has
only a NJ drivers license. The informant described [redacted]
[redacted] as being about [redacted] years of age, 5' 2" in height, obese
(weight varies between 180 lbs. and 140 lbs.) (periodically diets
to lose weight), wears bifocals (very poor eyes), [redacted] brown
hair, born in [redacted]

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DR. ELIAS: The informant advised that DOCTOR ELIAS, first
name not recalled, who resides in Woodbyrne, NY, resides in the
vicinity of the Chester Zumbar and has been reportedly a power in
the educational system of Fallsburg, NY. The informant has been
advised by other members of the faculty of the South Fallsburg
School System that ELIAS influences both BLUMBERG, the principal,
and WEISS, the superintendent of schools, so much so that he
could recommend the keeping or discharging of any teacher he
desired. The informant advised that ELIAS has been described to
him as being a "progressive" by many persons residing in the area
but added that he has not been identified to him as being a CP
member, although he has been led to believe that ELIAS is a CP
member by the [redacted] The informant advised that ELIAS has
obtained very extensive records of the HCUA Committee hearings,
which he boasts about.

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TO : SAC, NY

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-C41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA DISTRICT #2
NY Division (Queens Co.)
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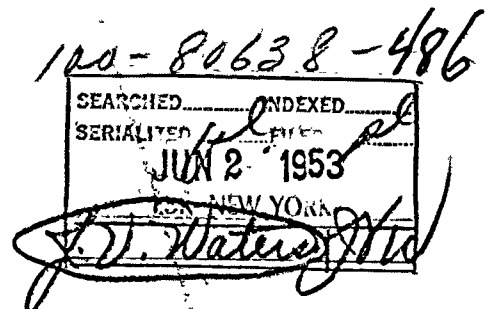
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On 5/11/53, [redacted] advised the writer he attended a [redacted] at the home of [redacted]. This individual has been identified through the telephone directory as [redacted]. Those in attendance at the [redacted] were as follows:

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1- [redacted]
1-NY NCF [redacted]
1-NY NCF [redacted]
1-NY 100-87211 [redacted]
1-NY 100-77507 [redacted]
1-NY 100-77925 [redacted]
1-NY 100-74560 (CP, USA Funds)
✓ 1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA Membership)
1-NY 100-84068 [redacted]
1-NY 100- [redacted]
1-NY 100-67197 [redacted]
1-NY 100-110300 [redacted]
1-NY 100-110940 [redacted]
1-NY 100-108503 [redacted]
1-NY 100-108771 [redacted]
1-NY 100-98940 [redacted]
1-NY 100-92692 [redacted]
1-NY 100-98144 [redacted]
1-NY 100-93861 [redacted]
1-NY 100-61 [redacted]
1-NY 100-100921 (RUTH MULLER)
1-NY 100-88084 [redacted]
1-NY 100- [redacted]
1-NY 100-64373 [redacted]
1-NY 100-65076 [redacted]
1-NY 100- [redacted]

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[redacted] announced that [redacted] is going to have [redacted] and collections should be taken up by Club Organizers to help [redacted] and [redacted] out financially. The informant reported both [redacted] and [redacted] are CP members. The fund drive was discussed and it was stated by [redacted] that the fund drive is going very slow. Also in attendance at the [redacted] was [redacted] (LNU), who owns a [redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

Age [redacted] 5'5", 125-130 lbs., dark hair, glasses

Informant also reported he attended a [redacted] at the apt. of [redacted]. Informant only knew the Apt. belonged to [redacted] and his first name was secured from the telephone directory. [redacted] did not participate in the [redacted]. However, the informant reported people who make their homes or apt. available for [redacted] must be CP members. [redacted] and his wife therefore, according to [redacted] are CP members, as well as [redacted] previously mentioned. Present at the [redacted] were the following [redacted]

[redacted] (LNU)

[redacted] was also present.

Money collected in the Sections of Queens County CP was turned over to [redacted]

[redacted] also attended a CP meeting at the home of [redacted]. Present were [redacted] and [redacted].

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The fund drive was discussed and it was stated the fund drive returns are slow as the Club Organizers apparently are not taking it seriously enough.

[redacted] intended departure for Chicago was also discussed. A farewell party is being held for [redacted]

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[redacted] advised there are [redacted] CP dues paying members in the [redacted] Section; [redacted] in [redacted] Section; [redacted] in [redacted] Section.

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The informant reported the following people have contributed to the fund drive:



The informant reported the [redacted] Section has at this time only reached 31% of its quota.

The indices reflect numerous references for a [redacted] and [redacted] but no main case file.

A review of file 100-84068 captioned [redacted] SM - C" reflects his wife's name is [redacted] (serial 7, p. 2) and apparently identical with the CASEY of this memo.

[redacted] attended a [redacted] Section Organizers meeting on [redacted]

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A report dated [REDACTED] was received by the writer from [REDACTED]. The report concerns attempts by the informant to contact [REDACTED] and his Communist Party membership status.

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In addition to the above, the informant furnished information concerning other CP members about whom appropriate indication of his mention will be made in the individual case files.

✓ 1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA Membership)
1-NY 100-26603 C44 (CP DISTRICT #2, TRI
COUNTY SECTION)
1-NY 100-10965 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-104798 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-51082 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-75639 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-26603 C428 (CP DISTRICT #2, MID
HUDSON SECTION)
1-NY 100-113845 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-73665 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-54651 (CP, USA NATIONAL GROUPS)
1-NY 100-80641 (CP, USA ORGANIZATION)

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Developmental Facts on Present Communist Party Status of [redacted]

[redacted]

My position as a Communist Party member may best be described as having entered a stage of passivity and lack of contact with or by members of the Communist Party. I am not yet aware of the true significance of this period of lack of overt contact, particularly personal contact. The facts delineated below may serve to throw some light on the situation.

Tuesday - April 21, 1953 - Wishing to contact the [redacted] that is, [redacted] and [redacted] in regard to the specific security points discussed at the dinner meeting with Comrade [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] I put through a call to [redacted] I had called for this same purpose last Tuesday, but [redacted] was in [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] was busy at something else. [redacted] describes Tuesday as being his father's most active day in terms of political work. [redacted] answered the phone. I told her that it was [redacted] speaking and that I would like to arrange a meeting. She replied that there was no reason for it because, "Its all over." She asked me to call again on the following Tuesday.

Tuesday - April 28, 1953 - I put through the call as requested by Comrade [redacted] This time, Comrade [redacted] answered the phone. He informed me definitely that his classes in Communist Party indoctrination had terminated several weeks ago. Obviously, the necessity for me to get together with either [redacted] or [redacted] for Communist Party security reasons as discussed in my meeting with Comrades [redacted] and [redacted] was now unnecessary and I therefore did not press the point. [redacted] said that he would call me up or contact me sometime in the future so that we might get together for a few hours. I stated that if it wasn't necessary it shouldn't be, but realizing that it would serve as a possible goodbye meeting I weakened and gave approval to the idea. It remains therefore that I will be contacted for this purpose by the [redacted] at some future date.

Saturday - April 25, 1953 - I contacted [redacted] for the usual reason of contacting Comrade [redacted] He asked me if it were vital because he would not be able to do so today. I said that it was not vital but that I had not seen her for a considerable length of time and that I had matters to speak to her about. He said that he would take care of it, for which I overtly thanked him.

Receiving no call from [redacted] I decided to go ahead and operate at the [redacted] in terms of getting a position in [redacted] but before I did this, I decided to drop in at the home of [redacted] hoping to get some sort of indication of what is in the wind. [redacted] was home with her mother who was born in [redacted] and her father. [redacted] had been up late last night and was preparing to go to bed. It was only nine o'clock. She was well informed on all my activities including the facts about the loss of [redacted] which I had not mentioned to her at all. She brought out a host of Communist Party literature for me to peruse. The fact that she brought out this literature before her mother and father with such lack of concern indicates their sympathy with her political activities. [redacted] spent a considerable amount of time reading a Russian magazine and spoke glowingly of modern Russia. Her husband seemed to concur with whatever she said. On the basis of these facts I will be more politically aware of all of the members of the [redacted] family in the future. Nothing more than this materialized at this meeting except the suggestion to me by [redacted] that I should try to get a job in the Chevrolet factory at Tarrytown, that they are now hiring.

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I proceeded to the Republican Club where I spoke to [redacted]. He mentioned that he had spoken to the Commissioner about me and to [redacted]. He had, however, nothing concrete to offer in terms of my getting a job in Yonkers. It seems that I am up a tree in this matter.

I have not been able to contact [redacted] for my articles on Italian organizations. I would appreciate it if some material could be drawn up so that I may be able to write an article on at least one of these organizations for next weekend. This would greatly assist me in my efforts to satisfy any probable doubts in [redacted] mind about my activities.

Summary: As of this moment, my section leader, [redacted] has not contacted me since the meeting at the [redacted] house. The cessation of activity in regard to the [redacted] plus this fact have reduced me to a position of overt inactivity. What the significance of my being placed in this position means remains to be seen.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) (REGISTERED)
(Atten: A. H. BELMONT)

DATE: 6/2/53

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-2398)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On May 22, 1953, CG 5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN that he had obtained the following concerning the Communist Party National Organization during May, 1953 from individuals in top Party leadership positions, nationally and in New York State such as BETTY GANNETT, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, HARRY HAYWOOD, WILLIAM WEINER and others. The material is set forth in summary fashion in order to give a more complete general picture of the present Party situation. As soon as informant is interviewed in regard to specific conversations with individuals, they will be reported in detail.

Extreme caution must be used in handling this information as to dates and content because much information was obtained through personal contact with individuals or at meetings of groups of four or five highly placed Communists, and this informant must be provided with maximum security. Also in instances where interviews are contemplated with persons mentioned herein special care must be exercised to use the material only if informant's security will not be jeopardized.

COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANIZATION

With regard to the present operation of the so-called legal or open Party organization and the Party Underground Organization, the informant learned from BETTY GANNETT that the Underground Party leaders make all important political and organizational decisions.

Clear proof of where the power in the Party is today was demonstrated clearly in December, 1952, when BETTY GANNETT, National Open Party functionary began a series of lectures at the Jefferson School on the results of the National Elections. After she had delivered one lecture and without any advance knowledge to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER or herself, the Underground Party leaders caused to be published on December 28, 1952, National Committee Resolution on the results

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100- (Mrs. JIM TORMEX - Betty Gannett)
100- (WILLIAM LAWRENCE)
100- (HARRY HAYWOOD)
100- (WILLIAM WEINER)
100- (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
100- (CP International Relations)
100- (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
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100- (HERBERT APTEKER)
100- (V. J. JEROME)
100- (LEN HARRIS)
100- (WOPSEY, Sr (FNU)
100- (Mrs. WILLIAM WEINER)
100- (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)
100- (PETTIS FERRY)
100- (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
100- (ALEXANDER BITTELMAN)
100- (ABNER BERRY)
100- (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)
100- (JAMES FORD)
100- (EULIAH HICKS)
100- (JOHNSON, negro, former Section Organizer in Bronx)
100- (ISADOR BEGUN)
100- (EARL JONES, negro actor)
100- (Mrs. EARL JONES)
100- (ROBERT MINOR)

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100- (JOE STAROBIN)
100- (JOE CLARK)
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100- (SAM DON)
100- (JIM TORMEY)
100- (EARL BROWDER)
100- (LEON JOSEPHSON)

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cc: 1 - Philadelphia (Registered)

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of the National Elections. This resolution was not discussed with the open Party leaders and caused considerable embarrassment to GANNETT and others who should have known of such important "Party line changes" in order to be prepared to provide answers to the Party. Therefore, according to GANNETT, the December 28, 1952 National Committee Resolution was entirely the decision of the underground leadership and caused a crisis between the open Party and underground leaderships.

Since the publication of this document by the underground leadership, representatives of both organizations have held discussions with the result that the underground leaders made only slight concessions. The concessions were that in the future the underground leadership will on "political" but not necessarily on "organizational" matters notify FOSTER on "important matters" so that opinions can be exchanged. In addition there will be exchange of opinions on some "organizational" matters and there will be efforts made to improve relations between the two organizations.

With regard to the resolution of December 28, 1952, the Party has decided to stop discussions. An amended resolution will appear in the June, 1953 issue of "Political Affairs" and will be confined to the "Results of the National Elections" Party line only, because it was felt that such matters as the Party line on the international situation should be the subject of a separate FOSTER article on "Peace".

The resolution of December 28, 1952 particularly the statements referring to leadership mistakes going back to 1948 have caused the Communist leadership in jail to feel that they are being charged with failures they were not in a position to be responsible for because they were in jail. The secondary Party leadership recently convicted also is angry at the charges because they are being charged with misinterpretation of directives of the original Party leadership.

The amended resolution will, therefore, delete the paragraph pertaining to the year 1948 as being the year when the Party leadership mistakes began in order to relieve the jailed and also the secondary leadership of responsibility for mistakes made and the "finger" will be placed on no one in leadership.

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The amended resolution will also eliminate the paragraphs on the contradictions in the "bourgeoisie camp". It will also correct the interpretations put on the original resolution to the effect that the sole place for Communists to work now politically is in the Democratic Party under the "United Front" program. The amended resolution will state that a Communist can work in "coalition" with the ALP, the CIO, AF of L etc., on "coalition candidates". It will also correct the impression that the "Progressive Party" will be completely dissolved.

Another Party decision recently decided on, according to GANNETT, is that hereafter the Party will not publish documents dealing with weaknesses in the Party because leadership is convinced that such admissions are "used by the enemy" and are also harmful to the "rank and file" morale. Weaknesses will be discussed but will not appear for publication.

With regard to the political situation within the leadership of the Communist Party, according to GANNETT, there is no unanimity in Party policy today either in the open Party organization or the underground leadership. This is significant according to the informant because formerly even though there was violent discussion on issues of importance by the individuals in leadership, once the matter came to a vote, those opposing the final majority vote always moved to make it a unanimous decision. Such is not the case today and while democratic centralism still prevails, the registered opposition votes of the minority stand.

FACTORS AFFECTING PRESENT CONDITION OF THE PARTY

According to GANNETT, Party recruiting has been at a standstill in the last few years. Most of the Party recruits since 1946 have dropped from the Party. That Party leadership has grown old and that young leadership has not developed is shown by the fact that no Section Committee leader today has been in the Party less than ten years.

According to GANNETT, the Cadre situation in the Party is almost critical and ways and means must be found for training cadres.

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GANNETT accused some of the "young leadership" of responsibility of organizing the Party by "administrative and opportunistic" means and of keeping more experienced people isolated and out of leadership. She described their method of operation as "Rule by Command".

Another factor contributing to the present situation in the Party is the length of time it takes to place a Party decision into operation. Once the leadership makes a decision today it at best takes two months before it reaches the people responsible for its execution.

Another factor is the "complete lack of initiative" of members and leaders in the lower Party organization from the regions down to the units. As a result of this lack of "initiative" most of the Party decisions are not executed by those responsible.

It was GANNETT's opinion that the great crisis in the Party today is the result of having too many people "isolated" for reserve leadership and in the underground. She feels that these people even though functioning in these capacities should actually be working parts of the organization and assist in the every day operations of the Party.

PROBLEMS ARISING FROM SECURITY
PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY PARTY

GANNETT told informant that today the biggest subdivision in the Party, i.e. Region, section, and downward does not consist of more than forty people.

The result is that the organizational problem is complicated because leadership is spread out.

The big problem in the Party today is "how to educate a Party member" to work on his own.

To solve this problem hereafter, every issue of "Political Affairs" will contain : "Self Education Outline" with questions and answers on important political problems. An outline is now being drawn up on "Stalin's Economic Problems of Socialism" which will appear in the near future.

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This plan of self-education is necessitated to aid individual "self study" and to train individuals because the Party cannot conduct classes for security reasons.

In addition the Party is conducting a drive to find "old-timers" and get them attached in order to give some initiative to the Party. Some of the "younger" present leadership will be removed and relegated to less important positions.

SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN PREPARATORY
TO LEADING PARTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Informant learned that extreme precautions are taken to insure security at leading Party Committee meetings. An individual who is to attend such a meeting may be contacted as much as three days in advance of the meeting. Once a contact is made, the individual is not left alone. He may be transported to several locations in different areas prior to the meeting. On the meeting date, the area where it is to take place is carefully cased and the Committee people generally move in at night. After the meeting is held, the Committee members leave individually and again generally at night.

HENRY WINSTON

BETTY GANNETT, while with informant on May 18, 1953, looked into the street quite startled. When inquiry was made as to the reason, she remarked "Oh, I thought it was WINNIE but it was not."

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA FUNDS,
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS

According to GANNETT, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is now responsible for the open Party finances, although she was described as not being capable of performing these duties. The Party financial condition is becoming increasingly difficult as are financial problems of the "Daily Worker". Donations from Party sympathizers have become more difficult to get.

For the STALIN issue of "Political Affairs" a total of 15,000 copies were ordered but to date only 13,000 copies are sold. The question GANNETT asked was, "Who will pay for the remainder?" HERBERT AP THEKLER is now

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playing a big role in the editing of "Political Affairs" since V. J. JEROME has been otherwise occupied. GANNETT intimated that the JOHN SWIFT articles in "Political Affairs" are authored by GIL GREEN.

STATUS OF PARTY DISTRICTS

Informant learned from GANNETT that the leadership and cadre situation in the Party is so bad that if arrests occurred in two or three Party districts now there would be a severe crisis in the Party. She particularly referred to the Ohio and Eastern Pennsylvania Districts as being in a bad situation if arrests took place there.

She also told informant that the present Underground District Organizer at Detroit, name not mentioned, had recently gone through a bad illness but had survived. She, however, said the Party is in a crisis in Detroit too. She added that the Party has had to rely heavily on Chicago for leadership replacements in other districts and mentioned that DAVID ENGLESTEIN, former District #8 open Organizer is now working in another district.

ROLE OF WILLIAM EINER

According to GANNETT, she and the Party leadership were greatly concerned when EINER recently became seriously ill. GANNETT stated that she did not know what the Party will do if he dies because he is "absolutely irreplaceable".

Informant advised that

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RUSSIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN ATTITUDE
TOWARD CURRENT LEADERSHIP AND POLICIES
OF COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

Informant learned that certain American Communists have kept the Russians advised of the current disorganization in policies and leadership of the CP, USA. The Russians have taken the position that while they are aware of the importance of the American Party they do not wish to blunder as they did with another Duclos letter. Because of the international situation, the Russians will for the present at least closely follow the Party keeping a line on its policies and hope that the American Party will right itself.

The Party in the meantime is in trouble with the Comintern and also with Communist Parties in the Latin American Countries. Recently a meeting was held in Chile ostensibly to discuss intellectual and cultural problems but in reality to discuss political action. The American Party was asked to send an outstanding Communist leader but instead the Party offered to send a minor official in the cultural field and the offer was declined.

The Puerto Rican Party has also recently complained to the American Party because the financial subsidy which has heretofore been regularly furnished, has not been forthcoming and also because the American Party has failed to provide political leadership.

MEETING PLACES USED BY
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

LEW HARRIS is known to meet individuals at automats located at 6th Avenue and 42nd Street and 5th Avenue and 45th Street, New York City.

BETTY GANNETT is known to meet with individuals at the "Brass Rail", 40th and Park Avenue, New York.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is known to meet individuals at the Childs Restaurant, 883 6th Avenue, New York.

When meetings are being arranged the meeting places are decided on in advance with primary and alternate places agreed to and code names are used in the telephone if confirmations are desired.

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NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MEETINGS HELD
ON THE NEGRO QUESTION, MAY, 1953

In May, 1953, two complete Secretariat meetings of the Party were held to discuss the Negro question. These meetings are held on Tuesdays.

Those members of the Secretariat who were present were the following:

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER (present only at second meeting)
PETTIS PERRY
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
BETTY GANNETT (not a member but an unofficial member)

Those invited and in attendance at both meetings were the following:

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
ALEXANDER BITTELMAN
ABNER BERRY
WILLIAM WEINSTONE
HARRY HAYWOOD
JAMES FORD.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, though not present at the first meeting, sent in a twenty page document in the form of an article which opened the line for discussion on the Negro question. His position was that there has been an exaggeration of emphasis on "White Chauvinism" and not enough emphasis on "Bourgeoisie Negro Nationalism" in the Party and that the result has caused damage in the Party ranks.

A heated discussion on the new line on the "Negro question" followed, ALEXANDER BITTELMAN supporting FOSTER's position from the beginning. The fight for FOSTER's position was led by HARRY HAYWOOD and also supported by WILLIAM WEINSTONE.

At the beginning of discussion, PERRY, BETTY GANNETT, ABNER BERRY and a few others took the current line of stressing the need for a continued fight against "White Chauvinism". Later WILLIAM L. PATTERSON joined the FOSTER side and the others followed to the FOSTER position. PERRY's argument was that for every case of "Bourgeoisie Nationalism" in the

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Party one can cite ten cases of "White Chauvinism". HAYWOOD won those to the FOSTER view by citing numerous cases of "White Chauvinism" charges that were unfounded and which did great damage to the Party.

Informant advised that as a result of these meetings the new Party line on the Negro question will be to emphasize the fight against "Bourgeois Nationalism" rather than against "White Chauvinism" which will be fought as part of the Party Education Program.

Informant learned that the editor of the new "Negro Affairs Quarterly" published by the National Negro Commission of the Party is HARRY HAYWOOD. The Assistant Editor is EULIAH (phonetic) HICKS, a staff writer for the "Daily Worker" and a follower of HARRY HAYWOOD.

In further explanation of the reason for the new Party position on the Negro Question, it was brought out at the Second Secretariat meeting that numerous instances have occurred in which Negro comrade leaders had taken advantage of the Party position on "White Chauvinism" for personal advantage. It was pointed out that the Section Organizer in the Bronx, a Negro, JOHNSON (phonetic), in the same section where ISADORE REGUN formerly was organizer, was removed. This individual, according to the facts developed, began taking advantage of this position among white women comrades and began raping and terrorizing them and the women were afraid to press charges. He was then removed being charged with nationalist tendencies.

LEW HARRIS was also charged with White Chauvinism. He was interested in an egg firm which had outlets among Negro firms in Harlem. When the Negro comrades did not pay their bills, he investigated and asked questions of the Negroes. The Negroes charged him with White Chauvinism but the charges were determined to be false and the Negroes expelled.

When WILLIAM LAWRENCE recently became head of the Cultural Division of the Party in New York, he found a Negro actor possibly named EARL JONES in his group. JONES was described to informant as possibly being the predecessor of LAWRENCE and as being married to a white woman, a Party member, who had a relative in Greenwich Village who was a good contributor to the Party.

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JONES, during the time he held office by using "White Chauvinism" charges succeeded in getting ten section organizers expelled from the Party in two years. LAWRENCE conducted an investigation of JONES and determined that he had several arrest records for attempted rape, larceny, etc., but all charges were dismissed. LAWRENCE thought that because JONES had never been sentenced he might be an FBI Agent. JONES was given a trial and expelled as an enemy of the Party when he told LAWRENCE during a meeting, "I hate you and all the white like you". JONES' wife has not been expelled because she was described as a good Party person even though her husband is suspected of being an FBI Agent.

EFFECT OF INQUIRIES OF U.S. SENATE
COMMITTEE HEADED BY SENATOR JOSEPH
MC CARTHY

BETTY GANNETT told informant that since the McCARTHY investigations began, the Communist Party has been helped considerably in that his inquiries have developed a lot of sympathy among people from whom the Party has been isolated for some time. She stated that there has developed some sympathy for the Communist Party among these people who can now again be approached for help including funds. Unfortunately, according to GANNETT, the Party is not in a position to take full advantage of the McCARTHY investigations because of its weakened condition.

BIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT MINOR

The biography of ROBERT MINOR is being completed by JOE NORTH. Funds are not available to publish the book and MINOR's wife, who has money, has been approached to finance the publication.

"DAILY WORKER" PERSONNEL

HOWARD BOLT after twenty years with the "Daily Worker", has been dismissed and while still working there will be looking for other employment after June 1, 1953.

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ROB HALL, former Washington correspondent of the "Daily Worker" is now in New York serving in a less important capacity in the "Daily Worker".

MILTON HOWARD is reported to be under criticism at the "Daily Worker".

NAT GORDON is still with the "Daily Worker" in a business administrative capacity.

JOE STAROBIN, "Daily Worker" foreign correspondent, reportedly remained in Europe after planning to return to the United States because JOE CLARK was returning and the "Daily Worker" would have had no foreign correspondents in Europe.

INDIVIDUALS IN PARTY UNDERGROUND

"STRETCH" JOHNSON is still underground but has been severely criticized because while in hiding he took a trip to Cleveland to visit his family. JOHNSON was described as one of the fellows who used the Negro question "for all it was worth" to promote himself. He was described as the one who framed SAM DON "out of the Party".

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District #8, Underground Organizer, either comes into New York or is seen by underground leaders in his own area at least every six weeks. The open District Organizer, of District #8, not named (WILLIAM SENNETT) operates in the same manner.

JIM TORNEY, husband of BETTY GANNETT, is the head of the Queens Underground. BETTY GANNETT sees him every few months. The FBI has contacted TORNEY's mother who is a Catholic and it looks like the Bureau appeal had an effect on her. The mother has written TORNEY several "bad letters" according to GANNETT.

Wives of underground people, who are not fugitives, are permitted to see their husbands once every four or five months.

MOLLIE LIEBER WEST, wife of JIM WEST, former District #8 Communist Party functionary, has been told to get out of the underground because she insisted in adopting a baby against Party orders and the Party position is that she is a security risk in the underground. She was offered a job in Civil Rights Congress at Chicago but refused to take the open assignment.

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ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, District #8 functionary in the underground, according to GANNETT, has been told he is too old to operate underground. He nevertheless refuses to operate on the open and has taken the position that the Party no longer thinks he is "important" if it permits him to work in the open. According to GANNETT, WAGENKNECHT is more in hiding of his own volition than is he underground by Party orders, although he is on Party assignment.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND EARL BROWDER

This information must be carefully handled due to the fact that knowledge of the information is limited to only a few top functionaries of the Communist Party.

Informant learned from BETTY GANNETT and had it verified through LEON JOSEPHSON that by a decision of top leadership of the Communist Party, it was decided to attempt to reach EARL BROWDER. The decision occurred prior to BROWDER's publication of his anti-STALIN position in the press. The first overture was made to BROWDER through a favorable editorial in the "Daily Worker". The plan decided on was to offer BROWDER any kind of a deal other than being the present Chairman of the Party with the future chairmanship being a possibility, if he "stood pat" and did not come out against the Soviet Union.

FOSTER, who "hates" BROWDER, according to GANNETT, agreed on any deal. LEON JOSEPHSON, according to GANNETT, had been chosen to be the intermediary. All plans in this respect were necessarily abandoned when BROWDER blasted the Soviet Union in his public statements. GANNETT said that BROWDER now would not get anything such as legal aid from the Party but others in the Liberal and Democratic Party who he dealt with through the years and also "sympathizers" are giving him aid and protection.

Informant pointed out that this move by the Communist leadership was apparently decided on because of the "political crisis" in the Party, but more particularly because the intimate knowledge of the Party organization, apparatuses and espionage systems within the Communist Party made the decision imperative especially since it was apparent that BROWDER would eventually break with Russia and the Communist Party and might possibly expose the Party by talking with authorities.

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It is again pointed out that this high placed informant must be afforded maximum security in the reporting and handling of this information and particularly in connection with possible interviews with any of the individuals mentioned herein.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : JOSEPH V. WATERS, SA (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
Membership
IS-C

DATE: 6/3/53

With reference to efforts of this office to secure complete and comprehensive data on membership strength of the Communist Party, with particular reference to District #2 of the CP (NY State) and the territory of the New York Division, it is requested that all security informants of this office be questioned as to their knowledge of this phase of CP activity.

To assist in this interrogation, the following questions have been formulated in order to elicit any information the informant may have. It is believed that the answer to even one question may provide some assistance in forming a general conclusion.

These questions follow:

Has any figure been mentioned at any time as the CP membership in your area, or any other area, including District #2, or the entire United States?

What is your estimate of the number of members in your club, section or county?

Has any statement ever been made indicating the relative membership of any sections or other areas?

What is comparative standing of the various counties or boroughs of New York City? For example, does Brooklyn have more members than the Bronx?

Do you know of any divisions of members within NYC other than by counties? For example, cultural, waterfront, industrial concentration, professional etc? Has any statement been made as to the relative strength of such special divisions?

Can you suggest any method for estimating membership of a club, section or other area?

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Has any ratio been mentioned for membership in District #2, which would include all of the New York State CP, as against the rest of the U.S.? For example, does the State have more or less than half of the national total?

What is connection between goals set in the "Worker" and "Daily Worker" subscription drives and the membership strength in the area for which the quota is set?

What is ratio of American Labor Party enrollment to CP membership in any given area?

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

-- United States Government

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-C41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
DISTRICT #2
NY DIVISION (QUEENS CO.)
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DATE: JUN 5 1953

[redacted] advised the writer a [redacted]
[redacted] was held at the apartment of one [redacted]

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The informant secured this information from the apartment directory in the lobby.

A search of the telephone directory maintained on Queens, New York, in the library, it was determined a [redacted] is the only [redacted] listed at this address.

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[redacted] has advised that individuals who make their home or apartment available for financial stations have to be CP members before the apartment will be used.

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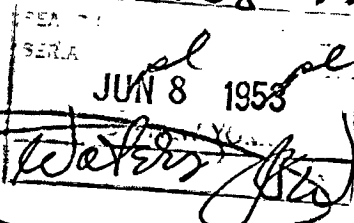
Those present at the [redacted]

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1 - [redacted]
1 - NY (100-77946) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-98940) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-93861) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-108771) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-108503) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-110940) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-26603-C1445) (MASPETH CP SECTION)
1 - NY (100-76445) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-98144) [redacted]
① - NY (100-80638) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
1 - NY (100-47211) (STEVE NELSON)
1 - NY (100-77507) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-82711) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-110300) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-67197) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-74560) (CP, USA - FUNDS)

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[] described ROSE as follows:

White, age 40, 135 lbs., 5' 4", red hair, ruddy complexion, wears glasses, well dressed.

Informant reported ROSE is from Jamaica, L.I.

[] advised [] and []
[] are going to attend a []
[] which begins this week and will continue for [] weeks.
During this period, [] and [] will be excused

[]
[] They will instead, attend the [] on
[] In order that they will
be able to devote all their time to the []
[] they will be excused from attending their CP club
meetings.

[] advised a CP meeting was held on []
at which the following were present:



A discussion was held on the reorganization of clubs
in the [] Section. The clubs are being reorganized
because only one out of the 4 clubs comprising the Section is
meeting namely, the ALP Club. CP members in these clubs are
being shifted around again in order to get a comrade with a
car in each club to make it easy for members to get to club
meetings.

According to the informant [] is to be
club organizer of the [] Club.

[] is to be [] CP Section Education
Director.

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[redacted] is to remain as [redacted]
replacing [redacted] is to be [redacted] of the Nationality Club
[redacted] is to remain as Organizer of the ALP -
CP Club.

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The informant reported the CP in Queens has begun to collect dues for June and this is known as the June control.

[redacted] and [redacted] were selected at the meeting to attend the [redacted] and their attendance will be financed by money from the [redacted] Section treasury.

A review of the indices reflected a ^{main} ~~con~~-file for one, [redacted] SM -C, 100-77946 who resided [redacted] and who may be identical with the [redacted] described in this memo.

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SAC, Newark

6/9/53

BS SAC, New York (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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The New York Office is attempting to ascertain the current membership strength of the Communist Party and in this connection request is made that you interview, if advisable, the New York County CP.

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It is suggested that the following questions be put to him as it is believed that an answer to one or more of them may be of assistance in forming a conclusion as to the number of CP members:

Has any figure been mentioned at any time as the CP membership in New York County, or any other area, including District #2, (New York State) or the entire United States?

Are there any divisions of members within New York City other than by counties? For example, cultural, waterfront, industrial concentration, professional, etc.? If so, what is their relative strength?

Can any method be suggested for estimating membership by division, section or other area?

Has any ratio ever been mentioned for membership in District #2 as against the rest of the United States? For example, has District #2 more or less than 50% of the national membership?

What is comparative strength of the various boroughs of New York City? For example, does Brooklyn have more members than the Bronx?

How much of District #2 membership is outside of New York City?

What is the ratio of enrollment in the American Labor Party to CP membership in any given section of city or state?

What is the ratio of "Daily Worker" and "Worker" subscriptions drive goals to CP membership in a given area?

It is requested that the results of the interview be reported as soon as possible.

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SAC, Chicago

6/10/53

gjm SAC, New York (100-80638)

H CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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The New York Office is attempting to determine the membership strength of the Communist Party and in this connection it is requested that you interview [redacted] and obtain from him answers to the following questions. It is believed that answers to some or all of these questions will provide information permitting determination of the number of members in District #2.

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The questions are as follows:

Has any figure been mentioned at any time as the CP membership in any given area, including District #2 (New York State), or the entire United States?

Has there ever been any mention of the relative strength of membership in different areas, such as sections or counties?

What is the comparative standing of the various boroughs of New York City? For example, does Brooklyn have more members than the Bronx?

Are there any divisions of members within New York City, other than by counties? For example, cultural, waterfront, industrial concentration, professional? Do you have any knowledge of their relative strength?

Can any method be suggested for estimating CP membership by section or other area?

Has any ratio ever been mentioned for membership in District #2, as against the rest of the United States? For example, has District #2 more or less than 50% of the national membership?

What is the ratio of American Labor Party enrollment to CP membership in a given area?

What is ratio of "Daily Worker" and "Worker" subscription drive goals to CP membership in any given area?

It is requested that you forward, as soon as possible, the results obtained in the interview with the informant.

JVW:MPH *h*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM , UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 6/11/53

FROM : PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, SA (100-75639)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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A report dated [REDACTED] was received by the writer on [REDACTED] from Confidential Informant [REDACTED]. The report concerns a meeting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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In addition to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the informant furnished information concerning other CP members about whom appropriate indication of his mention will be made in the individual case files.

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- 1-NY 100- [REDACTED] NCF [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100-51082 [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100-10965 [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100-104798 [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100-104784 [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100-67046 [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100- [REDACTED] NCF [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100-88133 [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100- [REDACTED] NCF [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100-73665 [REDACTED]
- 1-NY 100-26603-44 (CP DISTRICT #2, TRI COUNTY SECTION)
- 1-NY 100-26603-428 (CP DISTRICT #2, MID HUDSON SECTION)
- 1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)
- 1-NY 100-89590 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
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Report On Meeting Between Comrades [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

According to arrangements previously reported, [redacted] and I met at the corner of [redacted] and [redacted] from which point we proceeded to the previously reported [redacted] address. When we arrived there, after the usual circuitous routing, [redacted] rang the [redacted] doorbell, which has since been repaired. (At my first visit the button was missing.)

By means of the elevator we arrived on the floor of the [redacted] apartment.* [redacted] greeted us and [redacted] greeted the other woman resident with a "Hello [redacted] This woman who also calls herself [redacted] is the regular tenant of this apartment and is the [redacted] woman. She wears glasses speaks with a foreign accent, is about five feet two inches tall. She appears to be the quiet, meek and homey type but is definitely a cagy woman. She is plump and has black hair and is without any question a Communist Party member. She constantly walked into the room where [redacted] and [redacted] were holding a secret meeting and stood there for periods of five to ten minutes where Communist Party planning and discussion were definitely going on. The fact that neither [redacted] nor [redacted] raised any objection to her free entrance and exit into their private meeting is a strong indication of the trust that they place in this woman.

[redacted] and I proceeded to have dinner together after which [redacted] called for a meeting. In the manner of a District Attorney, [redacted] began to quiz me on my relationships with [redacted] and on the security criticisms which I had previously raised with [redacted]

As she [redacted] covered my entire relationship with [redacted] and [redacted] from my first encounter step by step to my last encounter, [redacted] ordered me to take out a pencil and paper to take notes. The reason for the note taking was to record specific security infractions by [redacted] and myself after which I was to arrange a meeting with [redacted] and take up the correction of these points with her. [redacted] is concerned about placing the responsibility in the case of any security leakage. The following is a summary of the points on security that I am to take up with [redacted] and [redacted]

1. A satisfactory body of background information must be planned should any questions be asked of me. (So far the only thing agreed between [] and I is that I am to be called [] I complained that this was insufficient, that I should also have a surname, a place that I could say I was from, a vocation etc.;)

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2. I am ordered to tell [] and [] that we must be prepared for any eventuality in terms of security. [] thought this point sufficiently important to be separate from point 1.)

3. I am to tell [] that she was arbitrary in terms of my opinions on security which I had expressed to her.

4. I am to tell [] that [] must have no relationship with me at her home. He is definitely out because [] considers him a security risk.

5. I am to complain to [] about the poor arrangements which she had planned in terms of my riding the School Bus and her husband's picking me up in the town of [] This was a poorly planned pickup and must not be allowed to happen again.

6. I am to complain that she gave information to [] (the writer of plays that are being shown in the People's Democracies) She told him that I was a []

7. I am to tell her that the situation regarding [] was not foreseen and should have been better planned.

After having arrived at the above security measures, [] brought up the subject of my being asked to resign my position. [] questioned me as to why and seemed relieved to learn that I did not think my resignation was called for because of political reasons. [] brought up the subject of my pressuring [] of the Republican Party for a [] position in the City of [] [] stated that it was important for me to "keep after this guy" and to follow up my initial advances. The basic point here is that my activities as a Communist would be stepped up if I were located in [] [] advised me to pressure other leading Republicans as well. [] stated at this point that I might see Supervisor [] and Councilman []

[] asked me if I had any complaints in regard to the classes I was attending. My complaint was that I seemed to have a lot of questions which are left unanswered because of the seeming slow pace of the other comrades. [] suggested that I attend the [] on weekends, but [] replied that I was not a member of the Communist Party for a sufficiently long enough period of time to be projected there. It was agreed that I should continue to attend [] as usual, that there would be but two or three more classes before June and that by that time I would be in Yonkers for stepped up Communist Party activities.

In regard to the Italian Organizations in Yonkers, I am to work on the reporter angle previously reported and keep a special eye out for discriminatory behavior on the part of Italians. This work should keep me sufficiently busy until June when I could become more active.

Both [] and [] seemed to agree that my immediate task at present is not to heighten my Communist Party activity but

1. To get a job in Yonkers
2. To further my relationships with Republicans
3. To gather the Italian Organizations information

The striking revelation of the evening to me was that [] had no overt knowledge of my Republican Party infiltration assignment and or of the [] situation. When I brought these points to the surface in her presence, [] had to rapidly brief her on the import of my conversation. This is illuminating to me because it reveals a number of defects in the overt leadership position of [] to [] has the power obviously of giving Communist Party assignments to Party Members without the consent or knowledge of []. In fact, [] might probably be taking orders from [].

[] and [] went into a long closed door session while I waited in the next room supposedly looking at television. [] the [] dropped in about twelve o'clock. He is paying rent to the [] woman. (He commented on her spending his money for a hairdo) [] criticised the first half of my poem and said that [] feels the same way about it. [] also agreed that I should rewrite it. I said that I would.

[] mentioned that []
has gone underground and that I should call up [] and take
her to shows downtown.

[] and [] agreed that organizing
the steel workers is of top importance for a successful implemen-
tation of the Communist Revolution in America.

[] an ex-South Fallsburg Social Studies teacher
notified that she had met [] in [] where she now teaches
and that he spoke of her or me. (Wednesday, April 8, 1953)

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Employee: *J. M. Ulrich*

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SAC, Seattle

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Gm SAC, New York (100-F0638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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The NYO is attempting to determine the membership strength of the CP in District #2 (NY State) and in this connection it is requested that you interview [redacted] and secure his answers to the following questions. It is believed that his answers to some or all of these questions will be of assistance in making an estimate of CP membership.

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These questions follow:

What is the latest figure mentioned as the CP membership for any area, including District #2, or the entire U.S. ?

Has the relative membership standing of any area been mentioned?

What has been the comparative standing of the various boroughs of NYC? For example does Brooklyn have more members than the Bronx?

Are there any divisions of members within NY other than by boroughs? For example, cultural, waterfront, industrial concentration, professional etc.? If so, what is their relative strength?

Can any method be suggested for estimating the membership in any given area?

Has any ratio ever been mentioned for membership in District #2 as against the rest of the U.S.? For example has District #2 more or less than 50% of the National membership?

What is the ratio of enrollment in the American Labor Party to CP membership in any given area?

What is the ratio of "Daily Worker" and "Worker" subscription drive goals to CP membership in a given area?

It is requested that the results of the interview with [redacted] be furnished to this office as soon as possible.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 6/15/53

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : ARBON W. GRAY, SA

SUBJECT: CPUSA - Memberships (100-80638)

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Photostatic copies of the transcript of his testimony have been placed in the New York Office files. The exact date of particular testimony may be determined from the following table:

Where the transcript contained extensive legal argument, as distinguished from actual testimony, those pages were omitted.

Information contained therein relative to captioned case will be found in [redacted] [redacted]

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TO : SAC, New-York

DATE: 6/16/53

FROM : JAMES N. JULIANA, SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

On 6/1/53, [REDACTED] of known reliability, was interviewed by SA's JOHN W. DOOLEY and JAMES N. JULIANA. The informant furnished the following information concerning Communist Party membership figures in the various New York Counties, New York State and National CP, USA. The informant advised that these figures are his opinion based [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and from his frequent and current associations with Communists in the New York City area. In this regard, he stated that [REDACTED] has visited him on several occasions, during which time they have spoken of the Communist movement in general terms. The informant stated that [REDACTED] is currently doing [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] and is now also doing some writing [REDACTED] was employed full time [REDACTED]

- ① - NY 100-80638 (MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C40 (BRONX COUNTY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C43 (KINGS COUNTY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C41 (QUEENS COUNTY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C42 (NEW YORK COUNTY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C44 (TRI COUNTY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 (NEW YORK STATE CP)
- 1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C45 (NASSAU-SUFFOLK CP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C428 (MID-HUDSON CP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C39 (RICHMOND COUNTY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C429 (NORTHEAST SUBDISTRICT CP)
- 1 - NY 100-75829 (ROBERT FRIEDMAN)

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The informant stated that based on his past activities and from current information received, he believes that the most accurate figure concerning membership in his possession would be the figure for the Bronx County CP. He stated that the current membership for the Bronx County CP would be approximately 2,500 members. Using this figure as a guide, the informant furnished the following figures for other New York Counties, New York State and National:

Bronx County, New York	2,500
Queens County, New York	2,000 - 2,500
Kings County, New York	3,500 - 4,000
New York County	5,000
Industrial Concentration Groups	2,000
Westchester County, New York	200
Nassau-Suffolk Counties - Negligible	

15,200

The informant stated that the membership of the Communist Party in the New York City area, including all of the figures mentioned above, represents approximately 65% to 70% of the total Communist Party membership for the entire State of New York. He then stated that he would place the membership figure for the State of New York at 20,000 to 23,000. It is to be noted that 65% of the 15,200 figure itemized above presents a figure of 23,000 plus for the New York State membership.

The informant then advised that the Communist Party membership for the entire State of New York represents approximately 55% to 65% of the entire membership of the Communist Party throughout the whole United States area. He then stated that the entire membership of the CP, USA would be between 30,000 to 35,000. It is to be noted that 55% of 23,000, which represents a possible figure for New York State membership, gives a figure of 12,650 plus for the CP, USA membership.

The informant advised that the membership figures which he has given are purely based on his knowledge of fluctuations in membership figures of the Communist Party. He advised that he feels certain that at one time the Bronx County, New York, had more than 2,500 members. However, it has generally been conceded

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in Communist Party circles that the membership in the Bronx County has fallen off slightly. Therefore, he arrives at the figure of 2,500 for the Bronx County CP. On the other hand, he stated that Queens County was always considered to have less members than Bronx County, New York. However, he stated that it has been the feeling in Communist Party circles that in recent years the membership in the Queens County has risen sharply to a point where it is now generally believed to be the same as the membership for the Bronx County, New York. Therefore, the informant places the membership for Queens County, New York, between 2,000 and 2,500 members.

Concerning the industrial concentration groups, which the informant advised have approximately 2,000 members, he stated that there has always been a fairly large group of people whose membership has been considered aside from that of New York County. He stated that these members have concerned themselves with concentrating into the various industries, such as railroad, waterfront, transportation and other basic industries. He stated that he believes this figure at one time was much higher than 2,000, but because of the present operations of the Communist Party, he believes that 2,000 represents a fairly reasonable figure for the industrial concentration groups.

The informant advised that his figures as stated above include only Communists whom the Party knows to be Communists and who are believed to be readily available to the Communist Party. He stated that these figures represent people who are today active in clubs, have subscribed to Communist Party periodicals, who have been regularly paying their dues and who are considered by the Party to be active Communists. He stated that the membership drive for the Communist Party is still continuing and that percentages as reported by the Party are constantly fluctuating. He stated that he does not believe that more than a very few people actually know what the accurate Communist Party membership figure is from day to day.

The informant stated that outside of the New York City area and the State of New York, heavy Communist Party concentration has taken place in the State of California, particularly the larger cities there; Chicago, Illinois; Cleveland, Ohio, Akron, Ohio; and Detroit Michigan. He stated that, of course, there are other areas but these names remain prominent in his thinking.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 6-17-53

FROM : ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON, SA (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
IS-C

On 6-8-53, [] furnished the following information regarding CP, USA membership: b7D

In 1950, the "registered" membership of the CP was approximately 20,000. By "registered", the informant means "currently dues-paying", and according to the informant, only half of the CP membership in 1950 was registered members. Of the larger cities, [] stated the following is their order of numerical importance: New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Detroit, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Boston and Baltimore.

According to New York City boroughs, the informant rated Brooklyn first, being 1/3 larger than Manhattan; Manhattan second, being 1/3 larger than the Bronx; the Bronx third, being twice as large as Queens; Queens fourth, being 3 times as large as Richmond, which is rated fifth.

Also, in the opinion of [] the Industrial Group of the Party is the largest division. As of 1950, the Waterfront Section was second, but indications are that in the past few years, its membership has been reduced considerably. The informant could offer no opinion concerning the strength of the Professional and Cultural Section.

New York State, in the opinion of the informant, as of 1950, had slightly less than half of the registered membership of the CP in the United States.

"Daily Worker" financial goals are in proportion to the registered membership in any particular area.

- 1 - NY 100-26603 (CP, USA - District #2)
- 1 - NY 97-169 ("Daily Worker")
- 1 - NY 100-8522 (American Labor Party)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C42 (CP, USA - District #2 - Manhattan)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C43 (CP, USA - District #2 - Brooklyn)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C40 (CP, USA - District #2 - Bronx)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C41 (CP, USA - District #2 - Queens)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C39 (CP, USA - District #2 - Richmond) 100-80638-498
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C71 (Nat Turner Club)
- 1 - NY 100-88297 (CP, USA - Strategy in Industry)
- 1 - NY 100-34632 (New York County Waterfront Section)
- 1 - []

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The ratio of American Labor Party membership to CP membership in the days when MARCANTONIO was powerful was 10:1.

In 1951, the Nat Turner Club of the CP had 21 registered members. The total membership was probably between 30 and 40.

Albany	229	Honolulu	39	Omaha	39
Albuquerque	20	Indianapolis	360	Philadelphia	109
Anchorage	7	Kansas City	57	Phoenix	101
Atlanta	17	Knoxville	9	Pittsburgh	390
Baltimore	204	Little Rock	23	Portland	29
Birmingham	20	Los Angeles	2,425	Richmond	21
Boston	532	Louisville	19	St. Louis	175
Buffalo	159	Memphis	16	Salt Lake City	29
Bute	75	Miami	73	San Antonio	35
Charlotte	37	Milwaukee	340	San Diego	151
Chicago	1,372	Minneapolis	412	San Francisco	1,097
Cincinnati	102	Mobile	22	San Juan	65
Cleveland	391	Newark	1,053	Savannah	11
Dallas	42	New Haven	400	Seattle	220
Denver	135	New Orleans	37	Springfield	103
Detroit	400	New York	11,082	WFO	120
El Paso	5	Orford	20		
Honolulu, T.H.	14	Oklahoma City	13	Total	72,520

DISTRICTS

<u>Total</u>		<u>States included in Districts</u>	
District 1	538	Maine	20
		N. Hampshire	21
		Massachusetts	400
		Vermont	30
		Rhode Island	21
District 2	12,200	New York	12,200
District 3	872	East Pa.	800
		Delaware	4
District 4	350	Maryland	200
		Dist. of Col.	150
District 5	230	West Pa.	230
District 6	723	Ohio	604
		Ky.	12
		Four panhandle counties in W. Va.	10
District 7	400	Michigan	400
District 8	1,475	Illinois	1,475
		Indiana	100
		(Lake Co.)	
District 9	412	Minn.	361
		N. Dakota	24
		S. Dakota	27
District 10	100	Indiana	100
District 11	99	Oregon	99
District 12	237	Washington	230
		Alaska	7
District 13	3,610	California	3,431
		Arizona	101
		Nevada	14
		Hawaii	14

It is noted that some states are covered by more than one of districts; therefore, a total compilation for the individual states is also being included in this memorandum.

DISTRICTS (cont.)

District 14	1,083	N. Jersey	1,083
District 15	400	Connecticut	400
District 16	340	Wisconsin	340
District 17	187	Colorado	134
		N. Mexico	26
		Wyoming	9
		El Paso Area of Texas	8
District 21	212	Missouri	212
District 22	100	West Va. (less the four "Panhandle" Counties)	100
District 23	166	Texas except El Paso area	166
District 24	36	Louisiana	36
District 25	73	Florida	73
District 26	41	Virginia	41
District 27	100	Alabama	72
		Mississippi	4
		Tennessee	24
District 28	111	Oklahoma	83
		Arkansas	26
District 29	66	N. Carolina	55
		S. Carolina	9
District 30	75	Montana	45
		Idaho	30
District 31	21	Georgia	21
District 32	70	Nebraska	25
		Iowa	25
		Kansas	20
District 33	20	Utah	20

TERRITORIES

Alaska	7	7
Hawaii	14	14
Puerto Rico	65	65

Total 86,546

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TO : SAC, NY

FROM : ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON, SA (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP USA- MEMBERSHIP
IS-C

DATE: 6/18/53

On 6/8/53 NY-694-S furnished the following information relative to CP membership:

In 1945, when the National CP membership was approximately 62000, the membership of CP District No. 2, NY, was 25000.

According to a recent estimate by IZZIE BEGUN and BILL LAWRENCE, prominent CP members, the number of "available" CP members ("available" being interpreted as "open party" as distinguished from "underground") is about 6000. According to BILL LAWRENCE, who is in charge of CP Cultural Work Nationally, there are fourteen union groups—such as radio, stage, etc.—within the jurisdiction of the CP Cultural Group.

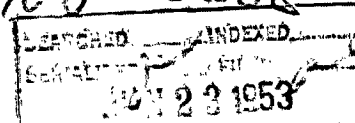
With respect to estimating membership in the CP, the informant suggested checking financial statements in the Daily Worker. He mentioned as an example the financial statement of the Jewish Group of the CP which recently reported collection of \$175,000 in the past year. Since the said group's usual collection in the past was \$200,000, the informant's inference from these figures is that the Jewish Groups strength has been diminished only slightly.

The ratio of American Labor Party membership to CP membership in 1946, in NY State, was 5 to 1.

Another barometer of Party membership, in the informant's opinion, is CP Camps. Last year the number of individuals attending these camps was as large as ever.

1-NY-100-26603 (CPUSA-District #2)
1-NY-97-169 (DAILY WORKER)
1-NY-100-8522 (AMERICAN LABOR PARTY)
1-NY-100-88297 (CPUSA-Cultural Activities)
1-NY-89590 (CPUSA-Strategy in Industry)
1-NY-100-467 (BILL LAWRENCE)
1-NY-100-4119 (ISIDORE BEGUN)
1-NY-100-80635 (CPUSA-Jewish activities)
1- [redacted]

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SAC, NY

May 25, 1953

SA ELDRED W. COX (100-34632)

CP, USA
DIST. # 2
WATERFRONT SECT.
NY DIVISION
IS-C

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, furnished on May 15, 1953, a list of approximately 230 names and addresses. T-1 stated these names and addresses appeared on a typewritten list in the possession of JAMES and BERTHA MC GOWAN who reside in apartment 40, 295 E. Washington Ave., NYC. T-1 advised that in addition to the names and address he obtained, there were approximately 45 names on the lists which he was unable to obtain. These other names and addresses were located principally in the Harlem area.

Certain markings appeared on this list. Some of the names were preceded by an asterisk and an (s) preceded some of the names. A (22) preceded some of the names. The letter (m) preceded some of the names. The letters (me) preceded some of the names. The letters (mf) appeared beside some of the names. The letters (mc) appeared alongside some of the names. The letters (et and Ma) also appear beside certain names.

The significance of these markings is unknown, although it appears likely, in fact a name was crossed out, that the asterisk would indicate that mail directed to that address had been returned unclaimed. The figures 22 probably indicate that this individual is a member of Local 22 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO, located in Manhattan. The letters ME probably indicate that this individual is a member of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association. The letters MF would appear to signify that this individual is a member of the Marine Firemen of the Pacific Coast. MC would appear to indicate the individual was a member of the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

The list as furnished by T-1 follows:

Harlem - List #1

WILLIAM REID
540 W. 158

ERNEST PARSON
133-35 W. 129

WILLIE BRITT
2 W. 138

Wm. H. SEABROOKS
23 E. 129

(1) - NY 100-80638

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[Handwritten signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : *JH* Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: June 18, 1953

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There is being furnished herewith for the information of the New York Office a breakdown of the estimated Communist Party membership as furnished to the Bureau by the various field offices in the quarterly reports for the first quarter of 1953.

These estimates are broken down by states, field divisions and Communist Party districts. These estimated figures are being furnished for the information of the New York Office and they should not be included in any report or communication meant for outside dissemination.

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CURLEAN KELLY
45 W. 132

WM. MORRISON
36 W. 131

ALBERT WMS.
36 W. 131 #7

WILLIE SCOTT
54 E. 131

ALLEN OWENS
251 W. 130

AUSTIN NOELLY
165 W. 129

EDDIE THOMPSON
214 W. 121 (basement)

EDW. J. BUSH
230 W. 121

HENRY WORTHING
352 W. 121

ROOSEVELT SHELMUT
54 E. 120

S. BROWN
81 W. 127

THEODORE POLETO
368 W. 127

WM. ROBERT (name and address
368 W. 127 scratched out)

GEO. PELTON
378 W. 125

HARRY PELTON
378 W. 125

JAMES POLLARD
221 W. 121

JAMES PRESSLEY
225 W. 121

BASIL LAMERELS
219 W. 121

WM. SMALL
221 W. 121

JESSE SIMMONS
5 W. 120

HECTOR N. LINA
114 W. 119 St. (apt.7)

MANHATTAN - Upper East

THOMAS P. MURPHY
1675 York Ave.

~~FRANK~~ VASQUEZ
220 E. 109 St.

FRANCIS MC ENANEY
1516 Lex. Ave. (MPOW)

* MANUEL REVERO
183 E. 111 #3

* CHARLIE SVENSEVENT
165 E. 128

* JUAN MIRANDA
53 E. 105

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JOSE ROBLE
54 E. 115

LEWIS ROSE
27 E. 103 (apt.8)

PEDRO TATUNS
77 E. 119 #11

*GEORGE MANNING
1024 E. 215

WALTER E. MOORE
74 E. 119

JOHN TAMPEY
66 E. 122 #3 (scratched out)

SAMUEL SIMMONS
10 E. 132 #5-W

WM. WHIDHEE
724 E. 165 (scratched out)

*OSCAR RIVERA
80 E. 111

*PETER ALVERA
1882 3 Ave (scratched out)

ROMAN BELOSCOURT
133 E. 115

*RAUL MEDINA
10 E. 113

*WALTER SMITH, JR.
504 Lenox Ave. #25

(S) N.E.DAVIS
100 E. 129

*M. DAVILA
234 E. 113

*CARMEL G. DIAZ
830 E. 170

WM. ZENO
40 E. 112

GUILLERMO ASTACIO
65 E.105

*J.A.COLON
169 E. 109

WM. CORDONA
24 E. 114

STEPHEN POYADSKOFF (S)
601 E. 179

JACK MILLER, JR.
74 E. 119

A.PALMER
18 E. 113

A. SANTHALL
772 E. 168

(S) DOMINGO ORTIZ (V.C.)
1428 Amsterdam Ave.

*REMEL PENDER
645 Lenox Ave.

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*ELWOOD HARRIS
164 Manhattan Ave.

*VALENEN MELENDEZ
1565 Park Ave.

*D. LEROY
317 E. 28

(S) DANIEL O'CONNOR
305 E. 78

ANTONIN COLON
124 E. 117

*PATRICK JAMES
2306 7th Ave.

(22) MIGUEL A. MEDINA
1877 3 Ave.

Upper West Side

(M) FULMAN
302 W. 123

*GEO J. MOJICA
508 W. 180

*DONALD H. GIMBEL
528 W. 153

*SANDY BROWN
35 W. 131

*CLYDE TAYLOR
101 W. 115

*JOSE DIAZ
1061 St. Nicholas Ave.

*C. MORRES
468 W. 168

*LOUIS GARCIA
535 W. 135

*JOSE M. TORRES
116 W. 103

*ANTONIO MORENO
17 W. 111

*ELEVANT BROWN
342 W. 122

*SALERNO MARTINEZ
522 W. 145

JAMES WEAVER
128 W. 126

*R. TARNER
352 W. 115

VICTOR F. BLANCO
158 W. 122

BEAICE A. MORGAN
125 W. 115 (scratched out)

RUDOLPH VANUTZ
111 W. 100

JOSEPH PERFETTI
502 W. 179

WM. H. BURNETT
422 St. Nicholas Ave. #2

(ME) ARTHUR KASEK
552 W. 171

THEODORE NICKLE
115 W. 135

PERCIVAL MC DERMOTT
133 W. 145

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RICARDO C. OLIVIA
537 W. 144

*CLIFFORD COLLINS
19 W. 115

*W.A. KITCHINGS
564 W. 149

C. BRADY
230 W. 147
JAMES FOWLER (crossed out)

JAMES FOWLER
2441 7 Ave.

JULIO MALAVEZ
59 W. 115 #4

JOHN KENDRICKS
321 St. Nicholas Ave.

WM. BROWN
332 W. 141 #D

MANIO MORALES
510 W. 177

JAMES L. BROOKS
371 W. 126

JAMES LUNDON
1001 St. Nicholas Ave. (crossed out)

JOHNNY PIGH
260 W. 136 St.

LAUNTY CROOKE
233 W. 113 St.

JOSEPH LICKETT
150 W. 140

CHAS. RAINEY
316 W. 112

WALTER JOHNSON
237 W. 142 (crossed out)

*CLIFTON BENNETT
441 W. 162

T.R. BATTLE
377 Neyona St.

JOHN DANIELS
419 W. 129

ARNOLD DAVIS
104 W. 139

HENRY NADEL
31 W. 111

*HANS GEBER
330 W. 108

HOWARD EVANS
153 W. 126 (crossed out)

LEROY SILVERS
910 Riverside Drive

AGAPILO DIAZ
436 Ft. Washington Ave.

T.E. DRAYTON
2384 7th Ave.

GEO STEWART
206 W. 146 (crossed out)

HENRY HALOCHER
1380 Amsterdam Ave.

*JAMES JONES
130 W. 142

* WM. GARTH
501 W. 143

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*U.E. JONES
471 W. 165

DANIEL C. TAYLOR
1071 Washington Ave. (crossed out)

*ABEL CARTER
142 W. 129

Bronx

*S. FLANNEN BAUM
1074 Longfellow Ave.

(M) S.L. MEBRADO
661 E. 170

*VICTOR CALVENTE
598 E. 138

*DAVID POLLOCK
231 Echo Place

(M) FRANK B. KEARNEY
798 E. 170

*C. JENNINGS
1140 Jacobs Ave.

(M) PABLO NEGRO DIAZ
567 E. 158

*W. VIDEL
943 St. John Ave. (scratched out)

GORDON DE CANIBIA
3260 Ely Ave.

VICTOR CALURNTI
598 E. 138

FRANCISCO PERENA
630 E. 138 (crossed out)

BERNADINO CARTEGENA
970 Prospect Ave. #59

*MIGUEL ROMAN
560 Brooks Ave.

F. HUNT
846 Hewitt St.

*ROBERT RISDON
1400 Clinton Ave.

J. ZOHN
663 Fox St.

HAROLD BENSON
1308 Boston Rd.

JUAN C. SANTIAGO
1304 Interval Ave.

EUESTAQUIO LOPEZ
286 Brook Ave.

ALBERT FALKINSTEN
1245 Grande View Pl.

MARVIN L. WHITE
802 E. 170

THOMAS ROMAN
842 Kelly St.

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(S) JAKE BULLER
98 Tillany St. (crossed out)

RAFAEL ORTS
910 Intervale Ave.

C.G. JAULHANI
1989 Prospect Ave.

ALBERT FERNANDEZ
923 Fox St.

DAVID CLARK
1435 Bedford Ave.

CLIFFORD JENNINGS
1140 Jackson Ave.

NORBERTO BORGER
900 Rogers Pl.

J.O. CAMPO
1007 S. Blvd.

ARTURO SANTANA
900 Robers Pl.

ANTONIO CORREA
626 Concord Ave.

Lower West Side

RAFAEL ANNAZO
309 W. 43

RUFINO ALEMAN
152 8th Ave.

JULIO ALEMAN
150 W. 17

(MF) M. ALLEN
165 Greenwich St.

*JUANITO ARZE
587 Beck St.

P.C. DARCY
21 W 47

JAMES L. STONER
244 W. 64

MICHAEL JESKE
165 Greenwich St. (crossed out)

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J.M.BARRY
233 W. 27 St.
(W) VICTOR BOSNIK
134 Broad St.

ANTHONY ERICSON
62 W. 87 (Crossed out)

(MC) JACOB HOFFMAN
148 Liberty St.

(ME) JAMES HAYES
410 W. 25

(MC) SOLOMON CULVER
148 Liberty St.

MICHAEL CRAIG
444 W. 23

EDW. CASTRO
428 W. 18

LUIS MARTIN
345 W. 16

FRANKY MARTINEZ
340 W. 14 (crossed out)

MIQUEL PEREZ
123 Ludlow St.

GARRY PAEZ
147 Elizabeth St.

OSWALDO NALTA
158 W. 80 (crossed out)

GABRIEL ROMERAL
435 W. 45

PEDRO VALASQUEZ
118 Ave. D.

ERNEST SAVINAN
141 Smith St.

(22) JOE CHUDоба
413 W. 25

*M. CARBALLEIRE
301 W. 17

JON FORTS
234 Broome St.

JAMES FREEMAN
218 W. 64

JOSE LOPEZ
207 W 27

PABLO LOPEZ
51 Beaver St. (crossed out)

*VENANCIO LOJANO
414 W. 18

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Brooklyn

*CHARLOTTE GOLDBURG
2320 Kings Highway

*A. BUDDS
936 Rockaway Ave.

*AL NELSON
463 57

*ERASME PEREZ
331 Fearl St.

*FELIX ZIMMERMAN
187 Franklin St.

*CHARLES R. HOLLIDAY, JR.
72 Vanet St.

(MC) R. MC GRATH
133 Franklin St.

(MC) S.R. MODRENE
135 Wyckoff Ave.

(MC) MARCEEINO CANELEA
482 Pacific St.

(S) A. JENSEN
679 48

MORRIS NAHMOD
1954 62

MILERTIN
SEMICK
23 Goodwin Pl.

*MICHAEL CONNONS
604 Carlton Ave.

(MP) KARL E. JONNESEN
6701 5th Ave.

BILL ROBINSON, JR.
33 Glenmore Ave.

(MC) CHARLIE HARRIS
351 A Quincy St.

C. PRSIRETT
259 Throop Ave.

PETER A. PALLARD
961 Bergen St.

FEDODON SANTOS
288 Atlantic Ave.

JOHN BRON
2909 5th Ave.

REEDING C. KISBAL
130 9th

ABRAHAM HADDAD
969 43

ALEX ANDYNE
142 Columbia St.

JOHN JACOBS
457 Washington Ave.

JULIAN VAN GELDEN
482 Van Buren St.

SAMUEL T. ODLETT
16 St. Andrews Pl.

(ME) LEE MARTIN
139 58

*RUDOLPH H. TEGELER
861 48

*GEO PERONA
191 Carlton Ave.

(S) JOE GALLARDO
207 St. James Pl.

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(ET) Q.R.MC CUTHREN
(MA) 2007 Foster Ave.

NORTON L. LUCAS
145 Albany Ave.

WM. J. GERNTISENE
53 Marine Ave.

JOHN MC GRONY
230 Lincoln Pl.

LUIS VELEZ
60 Carlton Ave.

JOHN HARRIS
449 41

EDWARD GRASS
453 Williams Ave.

J. GEORGE
343 Lafayette Ave.

J.A.BROWN
432 Green Ave.

OSCAR STONE

Miscellaneous

H.C.STUART
Arlington, N.J.(crossed out)

H. -CANTELLO
64-15 69 Road
Long Island (crossed out)

T.CRAPER
692 Jewitt Ave.
Staten Island

WM. BRAGENER
149-01 Lefferts Blvd.
Queens.

F.S.NISTAD
950 Plane Rd., S.I.

*LUTHER POWELL
202 13 Ave.
Newark, N.J.

*JIM WOODY
1702 Oak Hill Lane
Richmond, Va.

*NICHOLAS CRISTELLO
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Waterbury Conn.

CHARLES NICOLLI
688 Summitt Ave.
Jersey City, N.J.

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The exact significance of the above list is not known. The fact that only a few of the names are recognized as persons active in the Waterfront Section indicate that this is probably not a membership list of the Waterfront Section. It appears probable that this is either a contact list or a mailing list used by the Waterfront Section.

A spot check was made on this list by the selection of 20 names from it at random by SAS HAROLD V. CATES and ELDRED W. COX. These names were checked through the office indices. The check failed to reflect a history of CP activity on the part of any of these 20 individuals. This list is therefore being placed in the files and is being indexed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-4379-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
DISTRICT NO. 2
BUFFALO DIVISION
MEMBERSHIP
IS-C

DATE: June 27, 1953

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Re mylet, 3/31/53, concerning estimate of CP membership in the Buffalo Division.

It is estimated that there are approximately 162 CP members in that part of the Sub-District of the CP which lies in the Buffalo Division. This figure is broken down as follows:

On May 7, 1953 [] stated that in March of that year the informant learned there were 105 members registered in the Party during the then current CP registration drive. Informant advised that this figure pertains to Buffalo and Lackawanna, New York.

On June 5, 1953 [] stated that he learned that as of the forepart of June there were 43 CP members registered in Rochester, New York.

On May 7, 1953 [] stated that the membership in Jamestown, New York as of that date was 7 members.

On May 27, 1953 Potential Security Informant [] stated that his estimate of CP membership in the Elmira, New York area is 7.

The foregoing information is being submitted so that the New York Office will have figures on the Party membership in the Buffalo Division for inclusion in its quarterly report on District No. 2.

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cc- 1 Albany (100-9555)

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TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

DATE: June 29, 1953

Kutner : SAC, Chicago (100-18952)

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SUBJECT: CP, USA - Membership
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Re New York letter, 6-10-53, captioned as above.

On June 19, 1953, CG-5824-S orally advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN as follows:

Informant has no current or past information as to the CP membership in District #2 or in the United States. He knows that District #2 has always comprised more than 50% of the total membership of the CP and believes that this condition still exists.

According to informant, all statements made today concerning membership are given in percentages. The CP at one time published exact figures and it is possible that some computations could be made if figures on membership for a given year are known in order to compute present membership figures.

On question #4, informant can state that there are divisions of members in New York City, e.g. cultural, etc., but all divisions are included in computing county membership figures.

Informant cannot suggest any method for estimating CP membership by section or other area, other than hereafter set out. As stated above, informant advised that District #2 has always claimed about 50% of the Party membership. Informant is of the opinion that this figure has not varied of recent date.

Informant does not believe that the present American Labor Party enrollment is a criteria for CP membership in a given area. The A.L.P. membership is believed to have a broader base.

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The "Daily Worker" has never in informant's opinion reflected CP membership. In New York the sales of "Daily Workers" roughly approximated 50% of membership. In the Districts outside New York, the "Daily Worker" sales and "subs" at most were 20 to 25% of membership and sometimes less. The latter figure applied particularly to District #8.

The figure on circulation that used to approximate actual CP membership was the "Worker". The circulation of the "Worker" about 1947 exceeded Party membership by 10 to 15%. Informant believes today, however, that this figure must be carefully analyzed because a large number of CP members have dropped for many different reasons but still read the "Worker".

"Political Affairs" is also believed not to be a criteria because it, as a rule, is published for "actives", including functionaries. However, since "P.A." now has a "self-education" section, which means that it is intended for broader usage, there may be an indication of membership. In that connection, for the "Stalin Issue" of "P.A." in 1953 there were 15,000 copies printed, of which 13,200 had been sold up to about May 15, 1953.

Informant concluded by stating that Party membership today is almost impossible to compute and even figures on dues payments cannot be a measure. Informant stated that there are possibly a few in the CP organization itself who have such figures and they only have an approximate figure.

Informant knows that the CP has had little recruiting to speak of since 1947 or 1948 and that the few recruited since that time have largely dropped. He stated, therefore, that the present membership might be roughly figured on a basis of the 1947 or 1948 figure, less drops and normal membership fluctuations caused by deaths, etc.

In reference to Negro membership in Harlem being less than it was in 1937, informant advised that it is his recollec-

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tion that Harlem membership at that time was only a few hundred.

Informant was unable to assist on the remainder of the questions asked in referenced letter.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: June 30, 1953

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-9555)

REGISTERED MAILSUBJECT: CP, USA
District #2
Albany Division
Membership
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Albany letter dated 3/30/53.

A review of information furnished by Confidential Informants and Sources within the Albany Division reflects there has been no change concerning membership data furnished in Albany letter of 3/30/53.

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cc: 2- Buffalo (100-4329)

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TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM :

SUBJECT: SAC, SEATTLE (100-18419)

DATE:
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -- MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY -- C

There are attached for WFO two copies of New York letter dated 6-15-53 captioned as above, requesting interview with

Inasmuch as

WFO is requested to handle the interview.

Copies of NY letter 6-15-53 not retained at Seattle.

CHD/ng
Encl.

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CHICAGO

CPUSA, MEMBERSHIP, IS-C. REMYLET 6/10/53. REQUEST YOU ADVISE
RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH CG 5824-S RE MEMBERSHIP DATA FURNISHING
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC NEW YORK (100-4931) ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~ DATE: 7/3/53
FROM: SAC CHICAGO (100-2398)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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Reference Chicago letter to Director, copies to New York dated June 2, 1953, entitled CP-USA, IS-C, setting forth a resume of information obtained by CG 5824-S while he was in New York from May 5 to May 19, 1953. (C) (U)

This letter is intended to set forth specific detailed information received from individuals in order to facilitate documentation and to attribute the resume information to proper sources. The information set out herein was orally furnished by the informant to SA CARL N. FREYMAN during the period May 22-June 12, 1953. (C) (U)

Most of the meetings reported herein were on a personal basis with no other persons present. Therefore all information reported herein must be carefully handled as to date and content in order to provide this high placed informant with maximum security. In instances where interviews are conducted with persons contacted by informant special care must be exercised not to use the material in a manner that might identify informant. (C) (U)

BETTY GANNETT (C) (U)

Informant saw BETTY GANNETT on two occasions in May, 1953. Meetings were held at the hospital where WILLIAM WEINER was confined and

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100- JIM TORMEY 100- [redacted]
100- [redacted] 100- LEM HARRIS.
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100- Progressive Party 100- [redacted]
100- CP Membership 100- HARRY HAYWOOD
100- HENRY WINSTON 100- CP Negro Question 100-80638-508
100- CP Funds 100- LEON JOSEPHSON
100- ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN 100- WILLIAM LAWRENCE
100- HERBERT APTHEKER 100- MARCEL SCHERER
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RE: CP-USA

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100-Cominfil Transport Workers Union
100- MIKE GULL
100- [REDACTED]
100-ROMANIA ISAACS, nee FERGUSON
100- Camp Unity
100- [REDACTED]
100-JEREMIAH INGERSOLL
100-Mrs. JEREMIAH INGERSOLL
100-HOWARD BOLDT
100-ANN BOLDT
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100-Daily Worker
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100-Cominfil-Radio and Television Industry
100-GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY
100-CP Cultural Activities
100-EARL JONES
100-Mrs. EARL JONES
100-LEON JOSEPHSON
100-EARL BROWDER
100- [REDACTED]
100-AL LANNON
100-LENA SCHERER
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100-JOE NORTH
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED]
100-HOWARD EAST
100- [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (FNU) employee at Prompt Press.
100-STANLEY LEVISON
100-ROY LEVISON

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100-PAUL ROBESON

100-[REDACTED]

1-Philadelphia (100- PHIL BART)

Chicago

[REDACTED]

61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

100-3960 [REDACTED]

100-2749 [REDACTED]

100-18155 (CRC)

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at the "Brass Rail", 40th and Park Avenue, New York. The information attributed to GANNETT in reference Chicago letter is not being repeated in its entirety. ~~(S)~~ (U)

GANNETT told informant that her husband, JIM TORMEY is the Queens Underground leader. She sees him occasionally. TORMEY's mother who is Catholic has been visited by the FBI and the visits had an effect on her. She wrote her son several "bad letters" and GANNETT is worried about TORMEY's mother's attitude ~~(S)~~ (U)

GANNETT told informant that [redacted] have been reconciled as a result of [redacted] She is worried because now [redacted] name not given, is being bothered by INS. According to GANNETT, [redacted] has nothing to do with the CP. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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CP Pamphlets and Publications ~~(S)~~ (U)

GANNETT told informant that she has been loaded with work. Now in addition to other tasks she is reading articles for future issues of "Political Affairs". ~~(S)~~ (U)

GANNETT told informant that during the seven months she was on trial she was almost completely "isolated" from the underground leadership. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The "National Committee Election Resolution" was published as a complete surprise to both her and FOSTER. She described the Resolution as the work of the Underground Leaders and stated that the Underground Leadership makes all "Political and Organizational" decisions. ~~(S)~~ (U)

GANNETT was embarrassed by the publication of the Resolution because she at that time was lecturing at the Jefferson School on the subject of the "National Election" when the Resolution was issued without notice to either her or FOSTER. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Following the issuance of this document, the open leaders called for discussions with the underground leaders with the result that slight concessions were made to the open leadership. Hereafter, the underground leadership will on "political" but not necessarily on "organizational" matters notify and exchange ideas with the open leadership before publication of documents or other action is taken. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Repercussions were had on the "National Elections Resolution" due to criticism in the document of leadership mistakes going back to 1948. The jailed leaders charged that they were being criticized for mistakes they were not in a position to make and also charged that the "line" they set out had been misinterpreted. The secondary leadership on the other hand was reluctant to accept criticism of misinterpretation of the directives of the original Party leadership. (S) (U)

As a result of the leadership refusal to accept responsibility an amended resolution will appear in the June, 1953, issue of "Political Affairs" which will delete the reference to the year 1948 as the year when mistakes began in order not to "finger" anyone in leadership. (S) (U)

The amended resolution will confine itself to the sole issue of the "Results of the National Elections". It was felt that matters on the "International Situation" and other issues should be the subject of a separate FOSTER article on "peace". (S) (U)

The amended resolution will also omit the paragraphs on "contradictions in the bourgeoisie camp". It will also correct interpretations placed on the original resolution to the effect that the sole place for Communists to work "politically" now is in the Democratic Party under the "United Front" Program. The amended resolution will state that Communists can work "politically" with the ALP, the CIO, the A.F. of L. etc. on "coalition candidates." It will also correct the impression that the "Progressive Party" will be completely dissolved. (S) (U)

According to GANNETT, another decision has been made that hereafter the Party will not publish documents dealing with the weaknesses of the Party because leadership is convinced that such admissions are "used by the enemy" and are harmful to the "rank and file", morale. Hereafter, weaknesses will be discussed but will not appear for publication. (S) (U)

Evidence of Factionalism in Leadership of CP on
Political Matters (S) (U)

With regard to the political situation in the Party leadership,

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GANNETT said that at present, there is no unanimity in Party policy today in leadership in either the open or underground leadership of the Party. This is significant, according to informant because formerly even though there was violent discussion on issues of importance by individuals in leadership, once the matter came to a vote, those opposing the final majority decision always moved to make it a unanimous decision. Such is not the case today and while democratic centralism still prevails, the registered opposition votes of the minority stand. (S) (U)

Factors Affecting Present Condition of the Party (S) (U)

According to GANNETT, Party recruiting has been at a standstill in the last few years. Most of the Party recruits since 1946, have dropped from the Party. The Party leadership has grown old and the young leadership has not developed. No section leader today has been in the CP less than ten years. (S) (U)

Need for Leadership Training (S) (U)

GANNETT stated that the CADRE situation in the Party is almost critical and that ways and means must be devised for training cadres. (S) (U)

She said that the leadership crisis has been caused because of the necessity of placing so many leaders underground and also because some members have been detached for reserve leadership thus "isolating" them from assisting in the daily operations of the Party. The "Young leadership" now being used has organized the Party by "administrative and opportunistic" means and has kept many more experienced people out of leadership. She described their methods of operation as "Rule by Command." (S) (U)

Another factor contributing to the present situation in the Party is the delay that occurs from the time decisions are made until they reach the hands of people responsible for their execution. (S) (U)

At present, at best, it takes two months to reach these people. A "complete lack of initiative" on the part of members and leaders in the lower Party organization was also given as a reason for the present situation in the Party. As a result of this "lack of initiative" most of the party decisions are not executed by

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those responsible. To correct this situation, GANNETT feels that the "isolated" and "reserve" leadership must, to some extent, become available as actual working parts of the organization and assist in the every day operations of the Party. (S) (U)

Problems Arising from Security Precautions Taken by Party (S) (U)

According to GANNETT, the biggest sub-division of the Party, i.e. region, section, and downward does not consist of more than forty people. This organizational setup has increased leadership problems because leadership is spread out. The result is that the big problem in the Party today is "how to educate a Party member" to work on his own. (S) (U)

To meet this problem, hereafter, every issue of "Political Affairs" will contain a "Self Education Outline" with questions and answers on key documents issued by the Party and the U.S.S.R. This is intended to promote self-study and discussions among individual Party members. The outline for "Stalin's Economic Problems of Socialism" will appear in the near future. (S) (U)

In addition the Party is conducting a drive to find "old timers" and get them attached in order to get initiative in the Party. Some of the "younger" present leaders are being removed and relegated to less important positions" (S) (U)

HENRY WINSTON (S) (U)

On May 18, 1953; GANNETT while sitting in the "Brass Rail" 40th and Park Avenue, New York looked up quite startled. When informant made inquiry she said, "Oh, I thought it was "WINNIE" but it was not." Informant advised that he is unable to interpret this remark because he cannot reach a definite conclusion as to whether or not GANNETT knows where the Comfugs are. (S) (U)

He stated that he leans to the belief that GANNETT is one of the few who do know where the Comfugs are, and if this assumption is true, then her remark may be interpreted to mean that the Comfugs are not out of the country. (S) (U)

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CP Funds-Pamphlets and Publications (C) (U)

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, according to GANNETT is now responsible for open Party finances although she was described as not being capable of such responsibilities. Finances of the Party are becoming increasingly more difficult and the same situation prevails in the "Daily Worker". (C) (U)

For the Stalin issue of "Political Affairs," 15,000 copies were printed but to date only 13,000 were sold. She asked the question, "who will pay for the remainder." (C) (U)

HERBERT APTHEKER was identified by GANNETT as playing a big role in the editing of "Political Affairs" since V.J. JEROME has been otherwise occupied. (C) (U)

Individuals in Party Underground (C) (U)

BETTY GANNETT stated that [redacted] is still in the underground, but had been severely criticized because he had made a trip to Cleveland to visit his family in violation of security. He was described as one of the fellows who uses the "Negro Question" for all it is worth to promote himself. It was also stated that he was the one responsible for "framing" [redacted] out of the Party. (C) (U)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District 8, Underground Organizer, either visits New York or is seen by underground leaders at least every six weeks. The same applies to the Open District #8 leader not named (WILLIAM SENNETT). (C) (U)

[redacted] wife of [redacted] functionary presently underground, has been told to get out of the underground for security reasons because she insisted on [redacted]. She was offered a job in the CRC in Chicago, but has refused to take the open assignment to date. (C) (U)

The wives of the underground leader, whose husbands are not fugitives, are permitted to see their husbands once every four or five months. (C) (U)

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[] and PHIL BART ~~(S)~~ (U)

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GANNETT indicated to informant that [] and PHIL BART are occupying leading underground roles in the Midwest. ~~(S)~~ (U)
ALFRED WAGENKNECHT

GANNETT stated that the Party has told ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, District #8 functionary, that he is too old to operate underground. He takes the position that he is no longer considered important if he is required to work in the open and refuses to come out. The comment was made that WAGENKNECHT is more in hiding by his own choosing than is he underground although he is on Party Assignment. ~~(S)~~ (U)

LEM HARRIS ~~(S)~~ (U)

HARRIS according to informant resides a few doors from WILLIAM WEINER. He does leg work for WEINER and continues to do work in the CP National Farm Commission. HARRIS advised informant that in addition he is working with the Party Amnesty Committee. HARRIS also works closely with ISADORE WOFSEY, former District Organizer of Connecticut who now runs messages between WEINER and the Communist leadership and is considered by informant as a key person handling communications. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Informant also learned that HARRIS acts as a channel for pickups of letter drops for the National Office. ~~(S)~~ (U)

HARRY HAYWOOD ~~(S)~~ (U)

Informant learned from HAYWOOD that he is now a member of the National Negro Commission of the Party and is also the editor of the new "Negro Affairs Quarterly" published by the National Negro Commission. ~~(S)~~ (U)

He sees WILLIAM Z. FOSTER regularly particularly since FOSTER began his book on the "History of the Negro in the U.S." As a result of his successful fight against the Party tactics on "White Chauvinism", HAYWOOD said that he now has the ear of most of the National leaders who are beginning to look to him for theoretical guidance on the "Negro Question". ~~(S)~~ (U)

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HAYWOOD when he works is employed as a waiter and makes over \$100 per week. (S) (U)

With regard to the strength of the Party in Harlem, HAYWOOD said that the Party has completely disintegrated and that there is neither leadership or branches there. (S) (U)

Informant noted that HAYWOOD always carries a notebook with him and makes notes in the presence of others. He also noted that HAYWOOD talks considerably and asks questions which appear completely out of "line" in the Party in these days. (S) (U)

Reference Chicago letter pages 8-10 refers to a report of

[redacted] This report according to informant was made at the residence of [redacted]

[redacted] and informant and the reporting of same must be handled with extreme caution. The details of this meeting are found in referenced Chicago letter. (S) (U)

[redacted] (S) (U) Informant learned from [redacted] that he is employed in Long Island as a [redacted] for the same firm that employed him before incarceration. [redacted] to be WILLIAM LAWRENCE. (S) (U)

He told informant that he has not been assigned to any Party tasks. He has on his own done A.L.P. work in his own neighborhood. He stated that the A.L.P. branches have disintegrated since the publication of the National Committee CP Resolution of December 28, 1952. (S) (U)

Concerning the situation in [redacted] [redacted] told informant that [redacted] and the CP is responsible. He said that a [redacted]

[redacted] has been forced to use [redacted] tactics of coalition to stay in power and is trying to win over "progressive" forces. He still has [redacted] backing his leadership and but for [redacted] would take over. (S) (U)

[redacted] (S) (U) Informant learned from [redacted] that he is still active in the publication

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"Labor Research", (S) (U)

ROMANIA ISAACS nee FERGUSON, former wife of RAY HANSBROUGH (S) (U)

Informant learned from this individual that with the aid of BETTY GANNETT she had straightened out her Party difficulties which began last summer at Camp Unity. (S) (U)

She is now Assistant Manager of Camp Unity and works at its downtown office every day. She will work with [redacted]

[redacted] (S) (U)
[redacted] who formerly handled cultural work at Camp Unity has been fired. (S) (U)

BETTY GANNETT told informant during May, 1953, that the Party is now grooming ISAACS for "important work", because she is considered an intelligent and sensible person with Party experience. (S) (U)

JEREMIAH INGERSOLL (S) (U)

Informant advised that INGERSOLL is presently living in Brooklyn in a nice home and appears prosperous. (S) (U)

Informant learned from INGERSOLL that he is in a new business with his brother in the Building Investment Field. For a time, the business made money but at the present he stands a good chance of losing a lot of money. (S) (U)

Informant was told by INGERSOLL that he is mainly active in a branch of the A.L.P. His wife is much more active than he is and is an official of A.L.P. (S) (U)

Informant advised the neither INGERSOLL nor his wife have a good knowledge of what is presently happening in the C.P. (S) (U)

The informant on June 1, 1953, furnished SA CARL N. FREYMAN with the following background information concerning INGERSOLL and his wife. The wife originally came from Montgomery, Alabama and was from a religious family. She married INGERSOLL in the early 1930's and they lived in Chicago until about the end of the war. INGERSOLL joined the CP about the time he left College. (S) (U)

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In the early 1930's, he worked closely with LEM HARRIS on Party Farm Work and together they organized Caravans to go into farm communities and speak with farmers in Illinois and Wisconsin. (S) (U)

In the 1930's, INGERSOLL was an organizer for the Steel Workers Union in Chicago and his wife MINEOLA was also a Steel Workers Union Organizer in the same period. Most of their activity in Chicago was of a kind that did not directly connect them with Party people. (S) (U)

INGERSOLL attended the University of Chicago in the early 1930's. He was a Captain in the Army during the war. The INGERSOLLS now have two children who for a time were sent to a Quaker School but they now attend Public Schools. (S) (U)

Informant was told that INGERSOLL's brother, name not recalled is no longer in the CP. Informant stated that in his opinion both INGERSOLL and his wife still appear to be quite loyal to the CP. (S) (U)

HOWARD and ANN BOLDT - Situation in "Daily Worker" (S) (U)

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HOWARD BOLDT told informant that he has been working on a week to week basis at the "Daily Worker" but his employment will terminate on June 1, when he will look for another job. ANN BOLDT has been sick and confined to a hospital. (S) (U)

According to BOLDT, the "Daily Worker" has had few Political or Editorial Staff meetings for some time. [] is still the hardest worker on the paper and is probably the most important person on the Staff because the "further to the left" the paper goes, the better he likes it. (S) (U)

BOLDT said that ABNER BERRY is also one of the most important people and is playing a leading role on the paper. [] and [] a staff writer and follower of HARRY HAYWOOD, have recently had bitter words on the party line on the "Negro Question". (S) (U)

[] is having a difficult time keeping the staff together and working as a unit. (S) (U)

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[redacted] Washington Correspondent, now in New York, was in fact demoted by this transfer. However, the new Washington Correspondent [redacted] has not proved able to handle the assignment and [redacted] is doing some special assignment work in Washington. (S) (U)

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[redacted] is in the Business Office of the "Daily Worker". He does some writing on the paper on matters pertaining to the New York District on political problems. (S) (U)

[redacted] has returned from his [redacted] but JOE STAROBIN was instructed to remain in Europe a while longer so that the "Daily Worker" would not be without a correspondent there, according to BOLDT. (S) (U)

BOLDT told informant that [redacted] is out of the CP and is employed in New York as a [redacted] He has [redacted] (S) (U)

WILLIAM LAWRENCE (S) (U)

Informant was told by LAWRENCE that he is now in charge of the Cultural Division of the New York District of the CP. (S) (U)

When the party approached him to take the assignment he accepted on the condition that he could have free time to be with his children. The Party asked LAWRENCE to become one of the "unavaiables" but he refused this assignment because of his children. He did, however, on party orders, disappear prior to the recently held Senate Investigation of the Cultural group in New York to avoid subpoena. When he appeared after two weeks, the Party disagreed with LAWRENCE about his appearing in the open after being told to be "unavailable" but was not censored. (S) (U)

LAWRENCE said that he worked closely with the Cultural group that was under subpoena in connection with the Senate hearings and spoke with most of the individuals subpoenaed and rehearsed with them. The day before [redacted] was scheduled to testify, the Party was certain that he would not stand up under examination. (S) (U)

In preparing for the Senate hearings LAWRENCE spent weeks with the CP people. During this period, the Cultural Group had no direct

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contact with either the New York District or National CP leadership who were engaged in routine Party business. (S) (U)

LAWRENCE recently had a meeting with GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY who asked LAWRENCE to become a member of the New York District Board of the Party. He was scheduled to again meet CHARNEY on May 15, 1953, to give him an answer and as of the date of contact by informant, LAWRENCE had not yet made up his mind. (S) (U)

In discussing his duties and problems in the Cultural Division of the New York District, LAWRENCE told informant that when he took over the Division he found that Negroes were running the entire Division. (S) (U)

An individual described by LAWRENCE as EARL JONES (informant advised that this may be a Party name) who is believed by informant to be an actor or an artist, was found by LAWRENCE to be using the "White Chauvinism" line to terrorize white women. The women were reluctant to resist him because they feared that they would have charges preferred against them. LAWRENCE investigated JONES and determined that he had been arrested several times but there were no convictions. JONES being of the Negro race and never having been convicted, caused LAWRENCE to conclude that he was an FBI Agent. LAWRENCE preferred charges against him and he was expelled as an enemy agent. JONES' wife was described by LAWRENCE as a good Party person who was allowed to remain in the Party. (S) (U)

Concerning membership in the Cultural Division, LAWRENCE stated that many Party members have dropped, and that it is difficult to get new members. LAWRENCE told informant that he is employed full-time by the Party. (S) (U)

SY GERSON and GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY (S) (U)

According to LAWRENCE, SY GERSON and GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY are presently in charge of the New York District. (S) (U)

LEON JOSEPHSON (S) (U)

JOSEPHSON according to informant is employed as a cashier

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[redacted] a small group meeting was held at [redacted]
residence at which [redacted] gave a report on [redacted]
[redacted] meetings held in [redacted] (C) (U)

Those present at this gathering in addition to [redacted] were [redacted] (C) (U)

[redacted] told informant that he had been subpoenaed to testify
before a [redacted] (U) b7D

He expects that some consequences, possibly [redacted] (C) (U)

In connection with the questions he was asked, [redacted] said [redacted]

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[redacted] told informant that the CP had selected him to act [redacted]

[redacted] (C) (U)
Informant was told by [redacted] that he feels that he is not being
fully utilized by the Party at the present time. He did some work
on the brief in connection with amnesty for the Smith Act victims.
The [redacted] are still negotiating to purchase a restaurant
[redacted] according to informant, has one of the [redacted]

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The information concerning the [redacted]
Matter must be most carefully handled because of the extremely
limited number of people who know of these matters. If interviews
are conducted with any of the individuals mentioned no reference
should be made to this information. (C) (U)

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LENA SCHERER (~~C~~) (U)

Some of the information obtained by informant [redacted] has been furnished under separate letter. (~~C~~) (U)

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SCHERER told informant that she has not yet been put to work in her Party cadre assignment for the New York District. In the meantime, she is attending her unit meetings and continues to see her close friends, HARRY HAYWOOD, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, the JOSEPHSONs and others and keeps abreast of current national and New York State happenings in this manner. (~~C~~) (U)

AL LANNON (~~C~~) (U)

SCHERER prior to her last trip to Washington, saw AL LANNON who was then in the hospital. (~~C~~) (U)

LANNON was full of complaints because the Party had not taken care of his family financially. He drew up a document of complaints to the CP and gave a copy of it to LENA SCHERER with the understanding that it would be placed in the hands of "people" from the "big country". SCHERER told informant that she turned over the paper to "responsible" people. (~~C~~) (U)

Regarding the trips to Washington; which the SCHERERS have taken during the past several months, the informant was unable to obtain specific information. SCHERER did tell informant that "people in Washington" are well aware of the failures of the CP in this country, however, they do not want to make the mistake of creating another "Duclos" situation and for the time being at least prefer to "wait it out" by other means. (~~C~~) (U)

NAT ROSS (~~C~~) (U)

SCHERER told informant that NAT ROSS is now working as a shipping clerk after building up a series of references through employments in a number of shops. (~~C~~) (U)

Informant in commenting on the ability of ROSS stated that he should not be underestimated in connection with Party work. Informant advised that he was one of the last persons to leave

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Russia where he was a correspondent during the war. ROSS did important Party work in the South and once was the District Organizer in Minnesota. He has international connections and has retained connections in the South. (C)(U)

Party Position on Retention of A.L.P in New York as Result of December 28, 1952, National Committee Resolution of CP. (C)(U)

SCHERER told informant that since the CP came out with its new policy for work in "Mass Organizations" under the "United Front" program some Communists in New York interpret the resolution of December 28, 1952, to mean that it is an order to liquidate the A.L.P. This is not the Party position however, since the C.P. interprets the political situation in New York as justifying continuance of the A.L.P. The Party position is that it wants the A.L.P. to form a "United Front" with other political parties on candidates and issues so that "liberal" candidates will run for office. (C)(U)

MARCANTONIO has taken issue with the Communists and says the resolution does mean liquidation of ALP because the ALP has no one to form coalitions with. SCHERER commented that MARCANTONIO is "caught" and having a hard time preserving the ALP. He is, however, meeting quite frequently with the head of Tammany Hall trying to work out certain agreements. (C)(U)

WILLIAM WEINER (C)(U)

Informant advised that during May, 1953, WEINER was ill with a heart condition. For a time, he was treated by a Dr. AARON with offices in Manhattan. (C)(U)

During a short stay in the hospital, WEINER was visited by such persons as BETTY GANNETT, ISADORE WOFSEY, and LEM HARRIS was available to him "on call" (C)(U)

WEINER discussed a recent surveillance of him in detail and told informant that the surveillance had kept him from attending an "important meeting" with people from "outside" but he has since met with these people. (C)(U)

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JOE NORTH (C) (U)

WEINER told informant that JOE NORTH is completing "BOB" MINOR's biography. NORTH is also writing an "auto-biographical" novel which WEINER described as "not bad". (C) (U)

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Concerning PHILIP BONOSKY the author of "Brother BILL MC KIE" WEINER told informant that he is busy reviewing several manuscripts for "New Century". (C) (U)

[redacted] (C) (U)

WEINER told informant that [redacted] is a capable literary man but lacks initiative. He is doing some editing for "Masses and Mainstream". Informant described [redacted] as superior to any of the "left wing" authors. (C) (U)

MILTON HOWARD (C) (U)

WEINER described MILTON HOWARD as having a good grasp of "Marxism" and as a good writer but as being a "wise guy". (C) (U)

HOWARD FAST (C) (U)

WEINER stated that FAST's recent writings, particularly "Sparticus" have not been up to standards set by the Party and for that reason he is not considered a good Party writer. WEINER said there is no doubt about his loyalty to the Party but he has no grasp of Marxism and is too much of an individualist in his writings. "Sparticus" was described by WEINER as bad from a literary and research point of view. WEINER commented however, that FAST's services "for the cause" will continue to be welcomed. (C) (U)

V.J. JEROME (C) (U)

WEINER has no use for JEROME who he describes as a "self seeking" individual who wants "everything" for JEROME. (C) (U)

HERBERT APTHEKER (C) (U)

APTHEKER according to WEINER is working on "Political Affairs" and for "New Masses". (C) (U)

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Concerning WEINER himself, the informant was told that he, WEINER, is attempting to operate a legitimate appliance business where he will be able to sell appliances at discounts. (S) (U)

He had rented a hotel room and installed a telephone and was just getting started when he became ill. (S) (U)

WEINER's [redacted] is employed as a [redacted] [redacted] He dislikes the job because he has to work with one, COHEN, who he suspects as an enemy agent because he obtained a passport to visit France. (S) (U)

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Concerning COHEN, WEINER told informant that he still has "Prompt Press" stock in his name and while it is a Party business, COHEN has never signed over his stock in the business as is customary in these matters. WEINER told informant that while [redacted] and COHEN disagree, and [redacted] wants to leave the business, he cannot do it because [redacted]. (S) (U)

WEINER told informant that he himself is having a difficult time in connection with his Party work. He said that he finds himself constantly in the middle in conflicts between the open and underground leaders in reference to finances. He complained that the "Young leaders" do not understand the difficulties of finances. (S) (U)

He told informant that he has contact with certain underground leadership from time to time but names were not mentioned. He added that communications with underground leadership are very difficult and time consuming. (S) (U)

[redacted] (S) (U)

Informant observed that [redacted] is the contact man for WILLIAM WEINER and sees the leading Party people. He does not operate in the open and was observed by informant to move around a great deal. He is believed by informant to be a "key person" in Party communications with open and underground personnel. (S) (U)

STANLEY and ROY LEVISON (S) (U)

STANLEY LEVISON is known to meet Party people at the Public Library

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located on Fifth Avenue, New York, and also to meet certain people at his residence. (C) (U)

STANLEY LEVISON told informant that PAUL ROBESON has recently made a series of records of popular hymns for use in churches. This is a continuation of the Party program to use ROBESON as a source of fund raising. (C) (U)

He told informant that the FBI had recently checked on him with the building janitor who thinking that the LEVISONs were "nice people" had told LEVISON about the contact. He also told informant that there is a former Secret Service Agent living in his building who he suspected of assisting the FBI. After conversing with this person who was described as talkative, LEVISON concluded that he is not assisting the Bureau. (C) (U)

Informant also met an individual whose first name was [] at the LEVISON residence. He indicated that he was employed by LEVISON as [] and said that he lives in []. Informant stated that from his conversation, he believes that [] is at least a Communist sympathizer. (C) (U)

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Concerning ROY LEVISON, informant advised that he took part in conversation only in a small way and informant believes that he is of lesser importance in the Communist movement than his brother. (C) (U)

MARCEL SCHERER (C) (U)

Informant learned from SCHERER that he and his wife go to Washington to see Representatives and Officials of "Iron Curtain" countries whenever they get a chance to do so or whenever they are invited. He told informant that the Russians are well informed and interested in the Political situation in the American Party. While the Russians would like to see a change in the "Political" sectarian line of the Party, they do not want to interfere openly but prefer to let a correct line develop in a normal way. (C) (U)

The SCHERERS plan to vacation at Pat Toohey's Farm in New Jersey for a week this summer. (C) (U)

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HOWARD and ANN BOLDT ~~(C)~~ (U)

HOWARD BOLDT told informant that his difficulty at the "Daily Worker" originated with the Party case against his wife. The Party next charged him with having "petty bourgeoisie" tendencies. ~~(C)~~ (U)

BOLDT told informant that "ignorant" people such as ABNER BERRY really run the "Daily Worker" ~~(C)~~ (U)

The official reason for BOLDT's dismissal from the "Daily Worker" was for "economy" purposes. ~~(C)~~ (U)

BOLDT told informant that he was contacted by the FBI on the street near his residence. He said that certain personal matters were discussed with him by the FBI, that indicated a "leak" close to him. These matters included references to his wife's recent illness. ~~(C)~~ (U)

BOLDT told informant that SAM DON originally got him in trouble with the Party. DON has since been expelled for "white Chauvinism". ~~(C)~~ (U)

ANN BOLDT's case has not been ruled on by the Party. The Party position is that she was not disciplined but was instead just told that she should get better educated at the Jefferson School. ~~(C)~~ (U)

"Daily Worker" ~~(C)~~ (U)

According to BOLDT, the "Daily Worker" circulation is not increasing and it is "rough financially" also. ~~(C)~~ (U)

The "Daily Worker" expects Department of Justice indictment soon and is preparing for it. ~~(C)~~ (U)

PHIL CABOT ~~(C)~~ (U)

On June 12, 1953, the informant orally advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN that HARRY HAYWOOD, LEON JOSEPHSON and LENA SCHERER had said the CP is suspicious that CABOT is an "enemy agent". ~~(C)~~ (U)

Informant was told that CABOT had apparently broken with the Party about the time of the second Smith Act Trial in New York. The

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Party feared that because he had been a member of the Central Commission, in custody of records, that he would appear as a government witness. Efforts by JOSEPHSON and others to contact him were negative for a time and for a time he rebuffed every effort of the Party to talk to him. (S) (U)

Suddenly, he began to appear more frequently at meetings including mass meetings and made special efforts to seek out comrades and talk to them. This aroused the suspicion of the Party because of the sudden contrast in his attitude after complete inactivity and isolation. Now he appears eager to broaden his contacts and leading people are questioning his reliability. (S) (U)

Informant advised that today the wider contacts a person seeks, the greater the suspicion of the Party. The fewer contacts a person makes today and the less eagerness he shows to make new contacts, the greater is the reliability the Party places on him. (S) (U)

It is again emphasized that the above information must be most carefully handled especially if persons mentioned herein are interviewed in order to afford this highly placed informant maximum security. (S) (U)

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gjm SAC, New York (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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Rebulet 5/1/53 entitled "CP, USA DISTRICT 2, NEW YORK DIVISION, IS-C".

In connection with a report presently being prepared on the CP, USA DISTRICT 2 covering the three month period from 4/1/53, to 6/30/53, the membership of the CP in District 2, which includes all of New York State, is being estimated at 12,000 with the CP membership for that area of the district covered by the New York Division being estimated at 11,609. The difference is represented by CP membership within the Albany Division estimated at 229, according to Albany letter dated 6/30/53, and an estimate of 162 members by the Buffalo Division as stated in its letter to New York dated 6/27/53.

In the past the New York Office has estimated CP membership in District 2 by taking the Bureau's estimate of CP membership for all districts other than District 2, and then computing that that figure represented 52.525 per cent of the total national membership. The membership of District 2 was then computed as 47.475 per cent of the entire membership. This computation was utilized because [redacted] on 3/30/51 furnished a document containing membership figures apparently representing statistics for all CP districts, and the percentages mentioned above were computed from those statistics. Such computation was used thereafter because of the belief that the same approximate ratio prevailed as prevailed on 3/30/51. b7D

Bulet dated 6/18/53 entitled "CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP, IS-C" advised that the estimated CP membership, as furnished by the various field offices, for districts other than District 2 totalled 12,440.

By the use of the computation explained above a possible membership of 11,244 for District 2 is indicated, this figure being 47.475 per cent of a possible nation wide total of 23,684.

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[redacted] orally advised SA CARL N. FERYMAN on 6/19/53 that he has no current or past information as to CP membership in District 2 or in the United States, but he could say that the District 2 membership comprises approximately 50 per cent of the total nation wide CP membership, and this ratio has not varied in recent times. This informant further said that all statements made today within the CP concerning membership are given by means of percentages rather than by figures. He said that at one time the Party published exact figures and that it would be possible for a computation to be made if figures for a given year were known.

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This informant further said that it is almost impossible today to compute the Party membership, and even figures on dues payments cannot be a measure on membership. He said there are possibly a few in the CP organization who have such figures, and they only have an approximate figure. He said that the CP has accomplished little recruiting since 1947 or 1948, and the few recruited since that time have largely dropped out.

This informant advised SA FERYMAN on 5/22/53, that he had learned from BETTY GANNETT, National Educational Director, that recruiting had been at a standstill in the last few years.

[redacted] advised SA THORNTON M. WOOD on 6/3/53, that in recent years he has heard no figure mentioned concerning the total membership of the CP, USA or of District 2. The informant went on to say that the only time figures had been mentioned was when the Bureau publicized its estimated membership figures. On the most recent such occasion recalled by the informant, April 1953, he heard such a figure discussed in the offices of the "Daily Worker" and heard the statement made that that figure was nearly correct.

As to the ratio of membership in District 2 to the membership in the entire country, [redacted] recalled that the CP, in about 1945, had some 40,000 members, of which number less than half were members of District 2. He then estimated that there are some 30,000 members in the CP, USA, but this figure would include not only hard core members, but others who have not, for one reason or another, paid dues and thus are not members in good standing. It was the opinion of this informant that there are approximately 12,000 members in District 2, 11,000 in the New York City area, and 1,000 in Upstate New York.

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On 7/1/53, [] orally advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that he would estimate that there are 12,000 to 15,000 members in District 2.

[] has submitted a report dated 4/14/53 to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY in which he told of a meeting of his Bronx County CP Club. He noted that at this meeting he had made inquiry as to the membership strength of the CP in New York State, and in the course of discussion he was told by EVELYN STRAUSS that she believed the membership in the District is 10,000 to 12,000 at the most. It may be noted that EVELYN STRAUSS is the wife of IRON STRAUSS who is Executive Secretary, Joint Board, Fur Dressers and Dyers, International Fur and Leather Workers Union, and who was Chairman of the United May Day Committee in 1953, which organization organized the May Day Parade in New York.

[] orally advised SA BURLINSON on 6/8/53 that while he had no information as to the current membership of the CP, in 1950 the current dues paying members numbered approximately 20,000. He expressed the belief that District 2, as of 1950 had slightly less than half of the registered CP membership in the nation.

[] was interviewed by SAS JOHN W. DOOLEY AND JAMES N. JULIANA on 6/1/53, and he estimated the membership of the CP in New York City and the suburban counties of Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk as approximately 15,200, noting that the most accurate figure he had making up this total was for Bronx County. This informant believed that the figure of 15,200 represents 65 to 70 per cent of the membership in New York State, which he estimated at 20,000 to 23,000. He further said that it was his belief that the New York State membership is 55 to 65 per cent of the entire CP, USA membership, which he said he believed to be 30,000 to 35,000. It is to be noted that the figure of 55 per cent, as applied to his estimate of 23,000 for the State of New York, would indicate a possible total of over 41,000 for the national membership.

On 6/8/53 NY-694-S advised SA BURLINSON that while he had no current estimate of the CP membership, the last figure he knew was for 1945 when the membership was approximately 62,000 with the New York State membership being 25,000. In this connection it is to be noted that in 1945 EARL BROWDER, then President of the

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Communist Political Association, claimed a membership of 80,000, while HENRY WINSTON, in the middle of the same year, claimed 52,800. [] in 1946, furnished a national membership figure of 51,813.

[] advised SA JOSEPH V. WATERS on 6/30/53 that the last national membership figure he recalls is for 1948 when it was 60,000, and District 2 would have been approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of that figure. He pointed out that it had been the regular experience of the CP that about $\frac{1}{2}$ its membership is located in the State of New York with, of course, the greatest concentration of membership in the New York City area.

[] has advised SA JOSEPH E. GAUZENS, JR., orally that he had learned a short time before 1/27/53 from MERCEDES ARROYO, a member of the New York State Committee of the CP, that the Party then had no more than 20,000 members in the United States, contrasting this figure with the 80,000 members it had during the time of EARL BROWDER.

On 6/3/53, [] made available a mimeographed communication dated 11/20/42 signed by the CP National Committee and addressed to all districts. The communication had to do with a suscription drive of the "Daily Worker". In this communication the statement was made that the Party had a membership of 30,000 outside New York State. It may be pointed out that [] has in the past estimated the 1942 membership of the entire Party as 60,000 thus indicating that District 2, even at that time, claimed half the Party's members.

[] on 6/24/53, furnished a copy of the March 1953 issue of "Party Voice" designated volume one, number one, and described therein as "A bulletin issued by the N.Y. State CP". A "Supplement" to this issue contains an article "For A Marxist-Leninist Policy On Party Organization" by LEE AMISTAD, who is not otherwise identified, and concerning whom the NYO has not as yet developed any identifying data. This article is described in an introductory note as being based on a report to the recent conference of the New York State CP. A portion of this article is headed "Lessons of 1952 Registration". In substance the article sets out that in the 1952 registration District 2 achieved a result of 92.8 per cent. This figure was broken down to indicate that Queens County achieved 105.3 per cent, Kings County 96.6 per cent, Midtown 91.1 per cent, New York County 89.5 per cent, and Bronx County 87.6 per cent.

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It is believed that the "Midtown" area would indicate a project such as industrial concentration or a special grouping such as the Waterfront Section. The article said that the North West and North East Sub Districts and Westchester County fell considerably below the average in the registration, but no percentages were given. The statement was made that there has been a decrease in the percentage of fluctuation of membership strength. This might well indicate that the strength of the Party is presently stagnant, no recruits being gained and no loss taking place among the hard core membership. It was said that several hundred new members were obtained in 1952, but the complaint was made that at least 10 per cent of these were recruited through Distributive Trades Section.

As to industrial workers, AMISTAD noted that there has been a decline in the total number of such members, but there has been an increase to 39 per cent of the relative strength within the membership of this class of worker. This figure would seem to be an improvement over the 31 per cent which prevailed in 1949. AMISTAD said that the figures for 1950 and 1951 on this aspect were not available to the CP.

He noted as to the availability of the membership that 85 per cent had been reached in the registration in one month, while the remaining 15 per cent could not be reached at that time. This group was said to be those who did not pay dues, attend club meetings, or engage in CP activity.

A complaint was made that Negro membership had reached its lowest point since 1937, and the loss in Negro membership that had taken place in 1949 and 1950 had not been made good. It was said that the 1952 registration in the Bronx had been weak, and in the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section of Kings County where the membership was 45 per cent Negro only 10 per cent of the Negro members are active.

The article went on to say that there had been a serious liquidation taking place in the National Groups field, and AMISTAD declared that the New York State leadership must organize on a whole series of fronts in this matter and further that a National Groups Commission must be established. He noted that there had been a loss of Puerto Rican members to the extent of 400 per cent.

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AMISTAD went on to point out with reference to the length of time members have been in the Party that 43 per cent were members of less than ten years standing, while 60 per cent of the membership were between the ages of 35 and 45. This was said to reflect an impermissible stage of youth work, but he pointed out that the Labor Youth League had achieved recruiting results that would contradict the low membership of youth in the Party.

In the light of the foregoing information, the membership of the CP in District 2, New York State, is being estimated for the present at 12,000, with the membership claimed by the Albany and Buffalo Offices, 391 members, subtracted from the figure to arrive at 11,609 as the estimate of the membership within the territory of the New York Field Division.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE JUL 8 1953

FROM : RICHARD H. ELASSER, SA (100-26603-c41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
District #2
NY Division (Queens)
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On 7/3/53 [] advised the writer a []
[] was held in the vicinity of []
[] the exact address of which he was unable to obtain.

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Those present were as follows:

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line is 7/7/53. Also the deadline for the CP 1953 registration
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7/13/53

PS SAC, New York (100-80638)

B CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
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Re Seattle letter 6/26/53.

It will not be necessary for your office to interview
as he was interviewed on 7/1/53 by this office.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638) (RM)

DATE: July 14, 1953

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FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (61-49E)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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ReNYlet to Seattle, 6-15-53 which requests [] be interviewed and answers secured to questions relating to CP membership.

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[] was interviewed at WFO 7-13-53 by SA HAROLD L. HOLT. The source advised he had been contact with SA JOE WATERS of the NY office on July 1 and answered questions relating to CP membership. The source advised this was an extremely complex problem and that he anticipated being in NYC within the next two weeks at which time he would again contact SA WATERS and explore the problem further.

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[] did provide these opinions to the questions set forth in relet:

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1. The latest membership figure about which the source had direct knowledge was in 1948 at which time District #2 had approximately 30,000 "paper members." He believed this was an inflated figure and that actual membership was between 24,000 and 25,000. District #2 had, in the source's opinion, 50% of the total CP-USA membership in 1948. [] estimated current national membership to be 13,000 in the legal party and 7-8,000 in underground status.
2. To the best of the informant's recollection, these were approximately the figures concerning CP membership in various areas in 1948. The relative standing can be approximated from these figures:
 - a. New York state - 30,000
 - b. California - 6,000
 - c. Chicago - 5,000
 - d. Ohio - 3,000-3500
 - e. Eastern Pa. (Philadelphia) - 2,000

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- 1- []
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- f. Michigan - 1,800-2,000
- g. Pittsburgh - 1,500
- h. Missouri - 800-1,000
- i. Baltimore - Washington, D.C. - 800

The remainder of the United States, e.g. New England, the Northwest and so forth, made up the remaining persons which produced a national total of "paper membership" of roughly 60,000 in 1948.

3. The source gave this estimate as to NYC borough relative CP membership standing for the year 1948:

- a. Manhattan - 10,000
- b. Brooklyn - 5,000 - 5,500
- c. Bronx - 3,500
- d. Queens - 2,500
- e. Upstate NY - 2,000

It is observed these figures are short of the estimated 30,000 NY State 1948 CP membership, but the source said the above figures represent actual rather than paper membership. It is pointed out in question #1 that actual membership was estimated between 24 - 25,000.

4. There are divisions such as cultural and industrial within boroughs. The source said the waterfront section was included in the industrial section and had the highest relative standing as to membership. He could not readily recall all the other divisions of CP strength.

5. [] advised estimating membership in a "given" area was most difficult. He pointed out that HENRY WINSTON wrote an article in the Daily Worker in the summer of 1950 which said only those will remain in the CP whom the CP registers. This meant cutting off many members; at the same time it allowed, formally at least, for persons called before various committees to say they were not "members". He said united front campaigns involving peace, civil rights and so forth indicates the strength of the CP, but he would venture no per centage ratio of CP members in those organizations.

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6. As stated above, [] estimated District #2 CP membership as 50% of the USA as a whole, in 1948. Today, 1953, he estimates that District #2 probably has 60% of the total CP-USA membership, the great bulk being in NYC. He feels that the 60% figure is conservative; District #2 may be even higher ratio wise. This is brought about due to the present political climate in the U.S. The party is in difficult straits today and the big cities of the country are the only places where the party has "elbow room" in which to operate. The source estimated the current nationwide CP membership to be 13,000 in the legal party and between 7 and 8,000 persons integrated in the underground apparatus. b7D
7. Concerning the American Labor Party, at least in the NYC area, the source advised he feels the CP member or sympathizer ratio is almost 100% today. He stated the ALP has been "exposed" and that the cleavage between the ALP and other political parties is clean. He would not venture an opinion as to how many of the CP members in a given area were also in the ALP but, as stated, persons in the ALP today are either past, or current CP members or individuals knowingly sympathetic with the CP.
8. Regarding subscription drive goals of the Daily Worker and the Worker as a method of estimating CP membership, the source could only state that in 1948-1949, the Worker, which had five or six times the national circulation of the Daily Worker, set up a subscription drive goal of two per party member. The source said he would need figures of party newspaper circulation prior to 1950 to make an intelligent answer to the question posed in relet.

As mentioned, [] will endeavor to contact SA WATERS of the NY Office within two weeks of July 13 and discuss the membership question extensively. b7D

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SAC, New York (100-26603-C41)

SA R. H. BLASSER,

C. P. USA DISTRICT #2, NY DIVISION (QUEENS)
IS-C

Attached hereto is a copy of a report dated 6/30/53 furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 6/30/53.

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The informant identifies the 8 sections by name in his region, the number of clubs in each section, and the total CP members in each club.

The informant reported there are 303 CP members in his region and an average of 225 CP members in each of the other 2 regions in Queens County CP. Approximately 40 CP members in each region are attached to Industrial and Professional Groups.

The original report is maintained as serial # [redacted]

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Queens County

3 Regions

My region- 8 sections

	# of members	Clubs
Maspeth	24	4
Forrest Hills	35	5
Kew Gardens	44	7
Jamaica	38	6
Rockaway Beach	40	6
Pomanoke	62	11
Ozone Park	22	4
Flushing	38	5
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According to RAE the above region is the largest of the three in Queens County. Average CP members attached to clubs in a region of Queens County is 225, also about 40 CP members in each region are attached to industrial and professional groups; such as, dentists, and doctors who have their own leaders.

The leaders of industrial groups are now kept apart from all other CP clubs or groups.

I estimate 1,000 CP members now in Queens County.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

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DATE: July 17, 1953

KUSA : SAC, Chicago (100-2398)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
IS-C

Re New York letter 6/10/53 and Chicago letter 6/29/53 captioned as above.

Re Chicago letter points out that [] of known reliability, advised that the figure on circulation that was used to approximate actual membership in the CP was "The Worker."

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It is to be noted that an anonymous source advised in the early part of 1953 that dues in CP, District 8, were collected in February, 1953, from 1,392 persons.

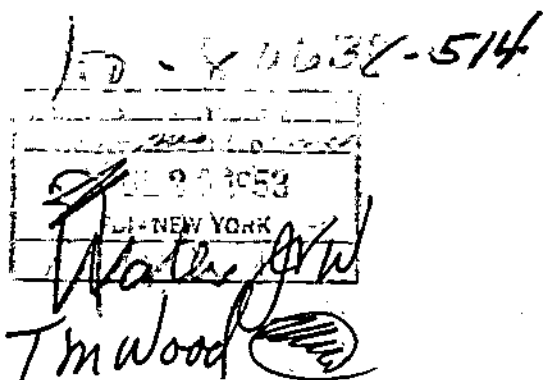
An article in "The Worker," Illinois Edition, 6/21/53, on page 11, columns 1 and 2, contains an article entitled, "N. Y. Progressing, Others Lag in Sub Campaign." This article reflects that 1,325 subscriptions to "The Worker" had been received from Illinois readers.

It is to be noted that the number of persons subscribing to "The Worker" approximates the number of dues-paying members as received from the anonymous source.

For information.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/17/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/1-7/16/53	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH V. WATERS
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

- QUARTERLY PERIOD -
April 1 through June 30, 1953

Thirteen convicted CP leaders granted until 10/1/53 to file record on appeal with Circuit Court of Appeals. They have been denied general permission to travel outside SDNY. Current estimated membership in District #2 is 12,000, with 11,629 in NY Division. DW has opened annual spring campaign for \$100,000 within 2 months. CP continues to emphasize vigilance and disciplinary measures to be taken for violation thereof. Counter-surveillance techniques and detection of informants and use of couriers being stressed. Decisions of underground leaders have taken precedence over the open Party leadership on Party line and policy. The Party is concerned that a large number of its reserve leadership is in the underground and is prevented from participating in the operational organization of the Party due to regulations governing underground activities. High ranking CP official in both National and District #2 leadership is reported dissatisfied with current line of CP; also that certain members are dissatisfied with present leadership. Visit of West German Chancellor ADENAUER to U.S. said to be aimed at creation of New German war machine. Nineteen former UN employees discharged as disloyal to U.S. as host country, seeking funds for appeal. DW calls on U.S. workers to save UN from U.S. efforts to block Korea truce. Puerto Rican issue made subject of two courses in spring term of Jefferson School of Social Science. CP to seek political power through labor, both inside and outside the two major parties. Hearings of NY State Board of Regents held under FEINBERG Law described as example of technique of "Mc CARTHYISM". Counsel for CP claim CP advocates transition to Socialism by peaceful and constitutional means. NYC budget

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assailed as reflecting policies of EISENHOWER and DEWEY; waterfront reform is opposed as blocking democratic union struggles. Industrial concentration by building CP among factory workers sought, with shop club as primary Party unit; united front to be developed through unity of working class, negro, and democratic forces. CP to fight for "organic unity" in labor movement by showing need for such unity of labor to better withstand imperialist reaction. American Veterans for Peace staged National Art Show in NYC in April with 55 works by 25 artists, with peace as theme. "Vets Voice" of AVP banned by Post Office under regulation against "Sedition and Treasonable Matter". New York AVP planned celebration of anniversary of meeting at the Elbe. National Education Department of CP published "STALIN's Thought Illuminates Problems of Negro Freedom Struggle" as last word on Negro Question, calling for negro republic in South. CP seeking to mobilize negro people on behalf of its peace campaign. Labor Youth League took large part in campaign to save ROSENBERGS. "New Challenge" of LYL charged Administration is opposed to world conference for peace. Women's International Democratic Federation urged clemency for ROSENBERGS on behalf of women of 65 countries. World Congress of Women held at Copenhagen, Denmark to advance the women's movement in defense of children, homes and peace. CP sees conditions worsening in agriculture with crisis expected and farmers must be influenced through infiltration of existing farm organizations. JOHN HOWARD LAWSON in "Masses and Mainstream" writes that cultural leaders have failed to build mass campaign against Sen. McCARTHY and Congressional Committees who are engaged in witch hunting. He calls on writers, artists and scientists to speak out for peace. Establishment of National Groups Commission urged. Polish Ambassador spoke at commemoration of Warsaw uprising and declared coexistence of capitalism and Communism possible. CP reported to have instructed members to join churches and other groups "on the outside" to stimulate aggressive thinking on such issues as peace, and TAFT-HARTLEY and McCARRAN Laws. "Negro Affairs Quarterly" begins publication with PETTIS PERRY, National Secretary of National Negro Commission, as editor. New York State CP now publishing "Party Voice" for circulation among leadership. "Worker" and EW have set subscription goals of 13,000 and 1500 respectively, but

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drive had secured only 7707 and 1136 by 6/23/53. Jefferson School of Social Science opposes efforts to have it registered with Subversive Activities Control Board under Mc CARRAN Act and is raising \$25,000 defense fund.

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GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The following is a list of organizations and publications referred to in this report together with a characterization of each. These documentations will not be repeated elsewhere in the report:

AMERICAN BRANCH OF THE FEDERATION OF GREEK MARITIME UNIONS - Cited by Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE - Cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on February 19, 1951 as an organization established by the Communist Party as a new instrument for its peace offensive in the United States.

AMERICAN VETERANS FOR PEACE (AVP) - A Communist front veterans organization, according to Confidential Informant T-37.

AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE - Confidential Informant T-60 has advised on March 2, 1951 that this organization is strongly influenced and infiltrated by its members who are members of the Communist Party.

THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRESSIVE JEWISH EDUCATION is sponsored by the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, according to Confidential Informant T-30.

THE COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS - Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

"DAILY WORKER" - An East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

FOR A LASTING PEACE, FOR A PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY" (FLP) - The organ of the Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers Parties (Cominform), Bucharest, Rumania.

"FREEDOM" - T-25 has stated that the Editorial Board of Freedom is composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers.

THE "GERMAN-AMERICAN" newspaper is a German language semi-monthly newspaper published in the New York City which follows the Communist Party line, according to Confidential Informant T-1.

THE "GREEK-AMERICAN TRIBUNE" - A weekly newspaper published in New York City and is the Greek organ of the Communist Party, USA, according to Confidential Informant T-27.

IMPORTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRODUCTS, INC. - Identified by T-1 as being set up by the Communist Party and is run by MARGARET KRUMBEIN, a charter member of the Communist Party and widow of CHARLES KRUMBEIN, Treasurer, CP, USA.

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER - Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE - Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

"JEWISH LIFE" - According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1948, Page 49 and 225. "JEWISH LIFE" is "among the typical examples of the Communist press and publications published by the 'Morning Freiheit'."

THE JEWISH MUSIC ALLIANCE is part of the Jewish cultural, progressive movement which is being carried out by the Yiddisher Kultur Farband, the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and other Jewish "mass" organizations, under the leadership of the National Jewish Commission, Communist Party, USA, according to Confidential Informant T-4.

THE JEWISH PEOPLES FRATERNAL ORDER - Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE (LYL) - Cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming with the President's Executive Order 10450.

"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM" - A Marxist Cultural monthly published by Communists according to Confidential Informant T-1.

"MORNING FREIHEIT" - The "Worker", January 9, 1944, Section 2, page 3, contained an article by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, in which he stated that the "Morning Freiheit" is one of the many papers either owned or supported by the Communist Party.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS (NCASP) - Cited as a Communist Front organization by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report Number 1954, dated April 4, 1949.

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION - Confidential Informant T-13 advised that only two branches of the National Farmers Union (Iowa and New Jersey) were controlled by the Communist Party, but that its Eastern Division comprising New Jersey, in its policy and organization, is completely managed by the Communist Party.

NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL - A Communist Party Negro Front Organization according to T-19.

NATURE FRIENDS OF AMERICA - Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

"NEW CHALLENGE" - Official monthly publication of the LYL according to T-34.

NEW PLAYWRIGHTS - A Communist Front according to Confidential Informant T-38.

NEW YORK LABOR CONFERENCE FOR PEACE - According to the "Daily Worker", May 2, 1950, page 5, column 1, the New York Labor Conference for Peace was formed as an affiliate of the National Labor Conference for Peace, which organization, according to T-64, who reported on November 28, 1949, was Communist instigated and dominated.

"PARTY VOICE" - A monthly pamphlet published by the New York State Communist Party, the first issue being dated March 1953. Its stated purpose is to serve the membership and leadership, as a medium for the expression of opinion and interchange of experience, and as a live Party organizer and educator.

THE UNITED COMMITTEE OF JEWISH SOCIETIES AND LANDSMANSHAFT FEDERATIONS serves as a central or coordinating committee and is composed of various national Jewish organizations and trade unions and follows the Communist Party line according to Confidential Informant T-4.

"VETS VOICE" - A monthly publication of AVP which is documented hereinbefore.

THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION - Confidential Informant T-61 has advised that this organization is completely dominated by the Communist movement.

"THE WORKER" - Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", described hereinbefore.

WORKERS BOOKSHOP - T-1 identified this as a book and pamphlet selling branch of the Communist Party.

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WORLD CONGRESS OF WOMEN - Confidential Informant T-62 has advised in May, 1951 that this organization is an instrument of Soviet foreign policy.

THE YIDDISHER KULTUR-FARBAND has been cited by the Attorney General as with the President's Executive Order 10450.

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA - Confidential Informant T-1 advised that while the Young Progressives of America is not a Communist dominated organization it receives support from the Communist Party and consists of both Communist and non-Communist youth.

"YOUTH REVIEW" - Considered by the Labor Youth League to be the official organ of the Labor Youth League according to T-34.

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RE: MEMBERSHIP
(Bufile 100-3-69)
(New York file 100-80638)

This section was prepared by SA JOSEPH V. WATERS.

Membership Of District Number 2

The current estimated membership of the Communist Party in District 2, which comprises New York State, is 12,000.

The current estimated membership in the area of New York State covered by the New York Division is 11,629.

Confidential Informant T-5 has advised that BETTY GANNETT, National Educational Director of the CP-USA has said recently that recruiting for the Party has been at a standstill for the last few years, and that most of the recruits gained since 1946 have dropped out. According to the informant she complained that Party leadership had grown old and the young leadership that would normally take its place has not developed. GANNETT also expressed the thought that those members of the Party in leadership positions who had been "isolated" as a reserve and those assigned to underground work should be engaged in the everyday activities of the Party.

Confidential Informant T-5 has learned that up until March of 1953 only five per cent of the Negro members of the Party in New York State had voluntarily reregistered for 1953.

Confidential Informant T-2 has made available the March, 1953 issue of "Party Voice" in which there appears an article by LEE AMISTAD, not otherwise identified, entitled "For A Marxist-Leninist Policy On Party Organization". An introductory note states that his article is based on a report to the recent conference of the New York State Communist Party. It also stated that the article should be discussed by the entire membership and used as a guide to work.

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A portion of AMISTAD'S article is headed "Lessons Of 1952 Registration". In substance the article sets out that in the 1952 registration District 2 achieved a result of 92.8 per cent. This figure was broken down to indicate that Queens County achieved 105.3 per cent, Kings County 96.6 per cent, Midtown 91.1 per cent, and Bronx County 87.6 per cent.

It is to be noted that the "Midtown" area referred to might indicate a project such as industrial concentration or some special grouping.

The article went on to note that the North West and North East Sub Districts as well as Westchester County fell considerably below the average in the registration, but no percentages were given. The statement was made that there has been a decrease in the percentage of fluctuation of membership strength.

This statement might indicate that the strength of the Party is presently stagnant, with no recruits being gained, and no loss taking place among the hard core membership. The article declared that several hundred new members were obtained in 1952, but the complaint was made that at least ten per cent of these were recruited through the Distributive Trades Section.

Referring to industrial workers, AMISTAD said that there has been a decline in the total number of such members, but he noted that there had been an increase of 39 per cent in the relative strength within the membership of this class of worker. He said that this figure appeared to be an improvement over the 31 per cent which was achieved in 1949. He mentioned that figures for 1950 and 1951 on this phase of membership were not available to the Communist Party.

As to the availability of the membership for registration he said that 85 per cent had been reached within one month while the remaining 15 per cent could not be reached during that period. He described this portion as those who did not pay dues, attend club meetings, or engage in Party activity.

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AMISTAD pointed out that Negro membership had reached its lowest point since 1937 and the loss in Negro membership that had taken place in 1949 and 1950 had not been made good.

As to the situation in the National Groups field, AMISTAD declared that a serious liquidation was taking place and he urged that the State Leadership organize on a whole series of fronts and that a National Groups Commission be established..

He went on to point out with reference to the length of time members have been in the Party that 43 per cent are members of less than ten years standing, while 60 per cent of the membership was between the ages of 35 and 45. He regarded this as a reflection of an impermissible state of the work among youth, but he went on to say that the Labor Youth League had achieved results tending to offset the low membership of youth in the Party.

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The membership of the Communist Party in District 2 is being estimated at 12,000, with the membership for that area in the District covered by the New York Division being estimated at 11,629. The difference is represented by Communist Party membership within the Albany Division estimated at 209, according to Albany letter to New York dated June 30, 1953, and an estimate of 162 members by the Buffalo Division as stated in its letter to New York dated June 27, 1953.

In the past the New York Office has estimated Communist Party membership in District 2 by taking the Bureau's estimate of Communist Party membership for all districts other than District 2 and then computing that that figure represented 52.525 per cent of the total membership. The membership of District 2 was then computed as 47.475 per cent of the entire membership. This computation was utilized because Confidential Informant T-40, on March 30, 1951, furnished a document containing membership figures apparently representing statistics for all Communist Party Districts and the percentages mentioned above were computed from those statistics. Such computation has been utilized because of the belief that the same approximate ratio prevailed after March 30, 1951.

Bulet dated June 18, 1953, entitled "CP-USA, MEMBERSHIP, IS-C" advised that the estimated Communist Party membership as furnished by the various field offices for districts other than District 2 totaled 12,440.

By the use of the computation explained above a possible membership of 11,244 for District 2 is indicated, this figure being 47.475 per cent of a possible nation wide total of 23,684.

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Confidential Informant T-5 has advised on June 19, 1953, that he has no current or past information as to Communist Party membership either in District 2 or in the United States, but he could say that the District 2 membership comprises approximately 50 per cent of the total Communist Party membership, and this ratio has not varied in recent times. This informant also said that all statements made today within the Communist Party concerning membership are given in percentages rather than in figures. He said that at one time the Party published exact figures, and that it would be possible for a computation to be made if figures for a given year were known. T-5 went on to say that it is almost impossible today to compute Party membership and even figures on dues payments cannot be a measure of membership. He said there are possibly a few in the organization who have such figures, and that they only have approximate figures. He noted that the Communist Party has accomplished little recruiting since 1947 or 1948, and the few recruited since that time have largely dropped out.

This same informant has advised that he had learned that BETTY GANNETT, National Educational Director, had stated that recruiting has been at a standstill in the last few years.

Confidential Informant T-38 has advised that in recent years he has heard no figure mentioned concerning the total membership of the Communist Party in District 2. He said that the only time figures have been mentioned was when the FBI publicized its estimated membership figures. On the most recent such occasion recalled by the informant, April 1953, he heard such a figure discussed in the Offices of the "Daily Worker" and heard the statement made that the figure was nearly correct.

With reference to the ratio of membership in District 2 to that of the entire country, T-38 recalled that the Communist Party, in about 1945, had some 40,000 members of which number less than half were members of District 2. He then estimated that there are now some 30,000 members in the CP-USA, but this estimate would include not only hard core members, but others who have not, for one reason or another, paid dues, and those are not members in good standing. It was the opinion of this

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informant that there are approximately 12,000 members in District 2, 11,000 in the New York City area, and 1,000 in Upstate New York.

Confidential Informant T-13 has estimated that there are 12,000 to 15,000 members in District 2.

Confidential Informant T-4 has reported that at a Bronx County Club meeting EVELYN STRAUS expressed the belief that the membership in District 2 is 10,000 to 12,000 at the most. EVELYN STRAUS is the wife of LEON STRAUS, the Executive Secretary Joint Board, Fur Dressers and Dyers, International Fur and Leather Workers Union, and Chairman of the United May Day Committee in 1953, which organization organized the May Day Parade in New York.

Confidential Informant T-39 has advised that he has no information as to the current membership of the Communist Party, but in 1950 the current dues paying members numbered approximately 20,000. He expressed the belief that District 2, as of 1950 had slightly less than half the registered Communist Party membership in the nation.

Confidential Informant T-7 estimated that the membership of the Communist Party in New York City and in the suburban counties of Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk has approximately 15,200, noting that the most accurate figure he had making up this total was for Bronx County. He believed that the figure of 15,200 represents 65 to 70 per cent of the membership in New York State, which he estimated at 20,000 to 23,000. He further said that it was his belief that the New York State membership is 55 to 65 per cent of the entire CP-USA membership, which he said he believed to be 30,000 to 35,000.

It is to be noted that the figure of 55 per cent, as applied to his estimate of 23,000 for the State of New York would indicate a possible total of over 41,000 for the national membership.

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Confidential Informant T-12 has advised that while he has no current estimate of Communist Party membership, the last figure he knew was for 1945 when the membership was approximately 62,000 with the New York State membership being 25,000.

In this connection it is to be noted that in 1945 EARL BROWDER, then President of the Communist Political Association, claimed a membership of 80,000, while HENRY WINSTON, in the middle of the same year claimed 52,800.

Confidential Informant T-40 in 1946 furnished a national membership figure of 51,813.

Confidential Informant T-1 said that the last national membership figure he knows is for 1948 when it was 60,000 and District 2 would have been approximately one half that figure. He pointed out that it had been the regular experience of the Communist Party that about one half its membership is located in the State of New York, with the greatest concentration of membership in the New York City area.

Confidential Informant T-66 has reported that he learned a short time before January 27, 1953 from MERCEDES ARROYO, a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, that the Party then had no more than 20,000 members in the United States, contrasting this figure with the 80,000 members it had during the time of EARL BROWDER.

Confidential Informant T-40 has furnished a mimeographed communication dated November 20, 1942, signed by the Communist Party National Committee and addressed to all districts. The communication had to do with a subscription drive of the "Daily Worker". In this communication the statement was made that the Party then had a membership of 30,000 outside New York State. It may be pointed out that Confidential Informant T-13 has, in the past, estimated the 1942 membership of the entire Party at 60,000 thus indicating that District 2, even at that time, claimed half the Party's members.

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In the light of the foregoing information the membership of the Communist Party in District 2, New York State, is being estimated at 12,000 with the membership claimed by the Albany and Buffalo Offices, 371 members, being subtracted from the 12,000 to arrive at 11,629 as the estimate of the membership within the territory of the New York Division.

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T-1 [redacted]	For documentary purposes Imported Publications and Products Workers Bookshop, "Masses and Mainstream" "German-American" newspaper, and Young Progressives of America 1948 membership in CP, USA and ratio of CP membership in District 2	6/30/53	JOSEPH V. WATERS
T-2 [redacted]	Furnished March, 1953 "Party Voice" underground operations Modus Operandi Method of collection of CP Dues Sec Measures-CP Vigilance " " Sec Measures-DW Subscriptions CP meeting in Long Island on 5/29/53	4/22/53 4/15/53 4/30/53 4/15, 22, 30/53 6/5/53 3/25/53 6/5/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER RICHARD H. BLASSER RICHARD H. BLASSER RICHARD H. BLASSER RICHARD H. BLASSER RICHARD H. BLASSER RICHARD H. BLASSER

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T-2 (Cont'd) [redacted]	Concentration in shops in Queens County, N.Y.	4/20/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Distribution of CP leaflets outside Phelps-Dodge Refinery in Queens County	5/29/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Furnished Industrial Concentration leaflet issued by Queens County CP	5/20/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Picketing of Chancellor Adevauer	4/7/53 4/3/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
T-3 [redacted]	"Party Voice"-Vol 1, #2	5/11/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	"Daily Worker" and "The Worker" Subscription Campaign Failure	5/14/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	CP support of "DW" Subscription Campaign	5/11/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Funds for May Day	4/14/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Info re Parkchester Case	5/11/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Sec. Measures-CP Vigilance	6/15/53 & 4/14/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY

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	Campaign Info re Parkchester Case	5/4/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	10th Anniversary Celebration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising Documentation of the United Committee of Jewish Societies and Landsmanshaft Federations Documentation of the Jewish Music Alliance	4/27/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Information on CP membership in District 2	4/14/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Information re JPFO	6/10/53	DAMON W. PITCHER
T-5 CG 5824-S	Underground Operations Conflict between Underground and open Party leaders	5/22/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN

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	Underground Operations Party Discipline	4/13/53 4/22/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground Operations Fugitives	4/13/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground Operations General	4/13/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
	"Party Voice" dated 5/15/53	6/16/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
	Info re Camp Unity	4/5/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
	Present status of CP recruiting	5/22/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
	Information re re- registration of Negroes in N.Y. State	3/30/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
	Factionalist Tendency within CPUSA	4/13/53 5/22/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
	Sec. Measures-Attend- ance at Meetings; Use of "Self Educa- tion" Courses; Weak- nesses in Party.	5/22/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN

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	GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY'S views on CP & "Peace" work.	4/13/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN
T-6 [REDACTED]	Underground Operations Operational Difficulties encountered	5/21/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Underground Operations: Modus Operandi	5/21/53 5/12/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Underground Operations: Communications	5/12/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Underground Operations: Funds	3/18/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
	Security Measures-Use of Couriers	5/12/53	DAVID P. HURLEY
T-7 [REDACTED]	Underground Operations: Operational Difficulties	5/5/53	JOSEPH A. CULLEN
	Underground Operations: Modus Operandi	4/28/53	JOSEPH A. CULLEN

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T-7 [REDACTED]	Estimates of CP membership in District 2 and USA	6/1/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY and JAMES N. JULIANA	b7D
T-8 NY-822-S*	Underground Operations Modus Operandi	5/5/53		
	Underground Operations: Communications	5/5/53		
	Security Measures- Use of Phones	5/5/53		
T-9	Physical Surveillance	5/6/53	HENRY C. RUDA EDWIN H. EILERS	
T-10 [REDACTED]	Underground Operations: Modus Operandi	4/20/53	THOMAS F. HANNIGAN	
T-11	Physical Surveillances	April 1953	SPECIAL AGENTS New York Division	
T-12 NY 694-S	Underground Operations Communist Fugitives	4/13/53	CARL N. FREYMAN	

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T-13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 137px; height: 21px;"></div>	Underground Operations General	4/9/53	
	Estimate of CP membership in District #2	7/1/53	
	Security Measures- CP Vigilance	11/3/52	
	Documentation, National Farmers Union		
	Draft Resolution effect on ALP	5/20/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
T-14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 169px; height: 131px;"></div>	Info re U.N. organization	December 1952	JOHN J. KEARNEY

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T-16 [redacted]	Made available bank statements and cancelled checks for the amount of the N.Y. State CP	5/1/53 6/1/53 7/1/53	SA WILLIAM T. COOK
T-17 [redacted] [redacted]	Information re Bank Account, Queens County CP	6/30/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
T-18 [redacted]	Information concerning the bank account of the N.Y. County C.P.	5/1/53 6/3/53 7/2/53	SA WILLIAM T. COOK SA WILLIAM T. COOK SA WILLIAM T. COOK
T-19 [redacted]	GNYNLC membership Drive re 4/4/53 May Day Conference	6/1/53 4/4/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER RICHARD H. BLASSER

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	Documentation of National Negro Labor Council		
T-20 [redacted]	Cominfil NAACP	4/30/53	Philadelphia Office
T-21 [redacted]	CP concern with Negro testimony	5/5/53	New York Office
T-22 [redacted]	Meeting of CP Negro Leaders	5/6/53	Philadelphia Office
T-23 [redacted]	Meeting of CP Negro Commission	5/11/53	New Haven Office
T-24 [redacted]	Information re: Nature Friends of America	4/30; 6/16/53	HENRICH VON ECKARDT

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T-25 [redacted]	Information re: Nature Friends of America	6/18/53	HEINRICH VON ECKARDT
T-26 [redacted]	"German-American" newspaper	6/4/53	DONALD P. ADAMS
T-27 [redacted]	Information and documentation of the "Greek-American Tribune" and the Council of Greek Americans	6/16/53	CHRISTOPHER PAPPIANOU
T-28 [redacted]	Information concerning Greek Sanitorium "AMPHISSA"	5/7/53	CHRISTOPHER PAPPIANOU
T-29 [redacted]	Information concerning the International Workers Order	6/24/53	DAMON W. PITCHER
T-30 [redacted]	"Ridgefield Resort" Documentation of the Committee for Progressive Jewish Education	6/25/53	DAMON W. PITCHER

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T-32 [redacted]	Meeting of Club of Yugoslav-American Friendship on 4/24/53	4/30/53	NICHOLAS J. MASTROVICH JAMES M. ANDERSON
T-33 [redacted]	Security Measures- caution in conversation	5/26/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Status of SAMUEL JAFFE	4/28/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
T-34 [redacted]	Documentation of "New Challenge" and "Youth Review" Labor Youth League activities in New York area	5/8/53 and 6/29/53	HERBERT K. STALLINGS
	Instructions to LYL members to attend Jefferson School of Social Science	7/8/53	HERBERT K. STALLINGS

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T-36 [redacted]	May, 1953 issue of "Vets Voice"	5/4/53	JOHN J. FEEHELEY
	Leaflet-Fact Sheet on April, 1953 issue of "Vets Voice"	5/18/53	JOHN J. FEEHELEY
T-37 Former [redacted]	Documentation of American Veterans for Peace		
T-38 [redacted]	Documentation of New Playwrights		
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T-39 [redacted]	Security measures- use of couriers	6/9/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
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	Furnished March, 1953 issue of "Party Voice"		EVERETT K. DEANE
	Documentation of HARRY GOTTLIEB		
	Document reflecting CP, USA membership data	3/30/51	EVERETT K. DEANE
	National Committee letter dated 11/20/42	6/3/53	EVERETT K. DEANE
T-41 [redacted] informant of the NYO	Activities of Young Progressives of America in New York area	6/29/53	HERBERT K. STALLINGS
T-42 [redacted]	Leaflet-Fact Sheet on April issue of "Vets Voice"	5/18/53	JOHN J. FEEHELEY
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T-45 [redacted]	Documentation of HOWARD DA SILVA		
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T-49 [redacted]	Documentation of ANTON REFREGIER		
T-50 [redacted]	Activities at Jefferson School of Social Science	6/17/53	CHARLES S. HARDING
T-51 [redacted]	Furnished form letter entitled "Call for the World Congress of Women"	6/3/53	DAMON W. PITCHER
	Furnished advertising brochure of "SHOLOM ALEICHEM"	4/15/53	DAMON W. PITCHER
T-52 [redacted]	Security measures membership applications	6/3/53	EDWARD J. KIRBY
	Security measures use of couriers	6/8/53	EDWARD J. KIRBY

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T-53 [redacted]	Security measures- CP vigilance	4/23/53	San Francisco Office
T-54 SAC letter 53-28 dated 4/21/53	Security measures- detection of informants	4/21/53	
T-55 [redacted]	Security measures- miscellaneous	4/9/53	Boston Office
T-56 NY-693-S*	Information regarding CP personnel	4/1/53 through 6/30/53	
T-57 [redacted] [redacted]	Extent of CP activity at 268 Seventh Ave., NYC	5/19/53	EVERETT K. DEANE
T-58 [redacted]	CP members instructed to join church groups	3/27/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER

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CP instructions to infiltrate religious groups, etc.

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Documentation of American Women for Peace

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Documentation of the Women's International Democratic Federation

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Documentation of World Congress of Women

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="float: right; text-align: center;"><u>QUARTERLY PERIOD</u> <u>APRIL 1, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1953</u></div> <p>Thirteen convicted CP leaders granted until 10/1/53 to file record on appeal with Circuit Court of Appeals. They have been denied general permission to travel outside SDNY. BETTY GANNETT, National Educational Director, reported as saying recruiting has been at standstill last few years and most recruits since 1946 have dropped out. National Committee in DW of 5/24/53 appealed for \$25,000 defense fund. Puerto Rican CP members in NYC to be assessed monthly for benefit of Puerto Rican CP. Party continues to emphasize Party vigilance and disciplinary measures to be taken for violation thereof. Counter-surveillance techniques and detection of informants and use of couriers being stressed. Decisions of Underground leaders have taken precedence over the open Party leadership on Party line and policy. The Party is concerned that a large number of its reserve leadership is in the underground and is prevented from participating in the operational organization of the Party due to regulations governing underground activities. High ranking CP official reported dissatisfied with current line of CP; also that certain members are dissatisfied with present leadership. Peace still chief issue</p> <div style="clear: both;"></div>			
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of Party in international affairs and truce in Korea is main objective. US efforts to achieve a united Germany opposed. 19 former UN employees discharged as disloyal to US as host country, seeking funds for appeal. DW calls on US workers to save UN from US efforts to block Korea truce. Puerto Rican issue made subject of two courses in spring term of Jefferson School of Social Science. CP to seek political power through labor, both inside and outside the two major parties. Campaign for repeal of MC CARRAN-WALTER Act, SMITH Act and TAFT-HARTLEY Act continued. CP National Committee denounced scheduled execution of ROSENBERGS and executive clemency sought. EISENHOWER administration attacked for its tax policies. Tactics of Congressional Committees attacked and suggestions made for turning anger against Sen. MC CARTHY into move to stop him. Amnesty for SMITH Act defendants sought. Industrial concentration by building CP among factory workers sought, with shop club as primary Party unit; united front to be developed through unity of working class, Negro and democratic forces. CP to fight for "organic unity" in labor movement by showing need for such unity of labor to better withstand imperialist reaction. American Veterans for Peace staged National Art Show in NYC in April, with 55 works by 25 artists, with peace as theme. "Vot's Voice" of AVP banned by Post Office under regulation against "Sedition and Treasonable Matter". National Education Department of CP published "Stalin's Thought Illuminates Problems of Negro Freedom Struggle" as last word on Negro Question, calling for Negro republic in South. CP seeking to mobilize Negro people

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on behalf of its peace campaign. Labor Youth League took large part in campaign to Save ROSENBERGS. "New Challenge" by LYL charged Administration is opposed to world conference for peace. Women's International Democratic Federation urged clemency for ROSENBERGS on behalf of women of 65 countries. World Congress of Women held at Copenhagen, Denmark to advance the women's movement in defense of children, homes and peace. CP sees conditions worsening in agriculture with crisis expected and farmers must be influenced through infiltration of existing farm organizations. JOHN HOWARD LAMSON in "Masses and Mainstream" writes that cultural leaders have failed to build mass campaign against Sen. MC CARTHY and Congressional Committees who are engaged in witch hunting. He calls on writers, artists and scientists to speak out for peace. Establishment of National Groups Commission urged. Polish Ambassador spoke at commemoration of Warsaw uprising and declared coexistence of capitalism and Communism possible. CP reported to have instructed members to join churches and other groups "on the outside" to stimulate aggressive thinking on such issues as peace, and T. FT. HARTLEY and MC CARRAN Laws. "Negro Affairs Quarterly" begins publication, with PATTIS PERRY, National Secretary of National Negro Commission as editor. CAMERON and KOHN, Inc., to publish inexpensive books and to operate Union Book Club. "Daily Worker" opened fund and subscription drive for \$100,000 and 19,000 "Worker" and 3000 "Daily Worker" subscriptions. Jefferson School of Social Science opposes efforts to have it registered with Subversive Activities Control Board under MC CARRAN Act and is raising \$25,000 defense fund.

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GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

AMERICAN BRANCH OF THE FEDERATION OF GREEK MARITIME UNION

Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE

Cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on February 19, 1951 as an organization established by the Communist Party as a new instrument for its peace offensive in the United States.

AMERICAN VETERANS FOR PEACE (AVP)

A Communist front veterans organization, according to Confidential Informant T-43.

AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE

Confidential Informant T-34 has advised on March 2, 1951 that this organization is strongly influenced and infiltrated by its members who are members of the Communist Party.

THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRESSIVE JEWISH EDUCATION

Sponsored by the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, according to Confidential Informant T-31.

"DAILY WORKER" (DW)

An East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

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FAMILIES OF THE SMITH ACT VICTIMS

An organization formed to raise money to assist the families of Communist Party leaders prosecuted under the Smith Act, according to Confidential Informant T-5.

"FOR A LASTING PEACE, FOR A PEOPLES DEMOCRACY" (FLP)

The organ of the Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers Parties (COMINFORM), Bucharest, Rumania.

"FREEDOM"

T-26 has stated that the editorial board of "Freedom" is composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers.

THE "GERMAN AMERICAN"

A German language semi-monthly newspaper published in New York City which follows the Communist Party line, according to Confidential Informant T-4.

THE "GREEK-AMERICAN TRIBUNE"

A weekly newspaper published in New York City and the Greek organ of the Communist Party, USA, according to Confidential Informant T-28.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

According to T-4 this is the book publishing branch of the Communist Party.

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER (IWO)

Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (JSSS)

Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

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"JEWISH LIFE"

According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1948, Pages 49 and 225, "Jewish Life" is "among the typical examples of the Communist Press and publications published by the 'Morning Freiheit'."

THE JEWISH MUSIC ALLIANCE

Part of the Jewish cultural, progressive movement which is being carried out by the Yiddisher Kultur Farband, the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, and other Jewish "Mass" organizations, under the leadership of the National Jewish Commission, Communist Party, USA, according to Confidential Informant T-5.

THE JEWISH PEOPLES FRATERNAL ORDER

Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

LABOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

A direct auxiliary of the Communist of the Communist Party according to the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report March 29, 1944, page 47.

THE LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE

Has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"

Identified by T-4 as being the cultural monthly magazine of the Communist Party.

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

"The Worker" of January 9, 1944, Section 2, page 3, contained an article by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, in which he stated that the "Morning Freiheit" is one of the many papers either owned or supported by the Communist Party.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

Formed for the purpose of raising money for the defense of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, who were convicted on March 29, 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage against the United States for the USSR. They received the death penalty and were executed on June 19, 1953 at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS (NCASP)

Cited as a Communist front organization by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report number 1953, dated April 19, 1949.

NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION

Confidential Informant T-15 advised that only two branches of the National Farmers' Union (Iowa and New Jersey) were controlled by the Communist Party, but, that its Eastern Division, comprising New Jersey is completely managed by the Communist Party.

THE NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL

A Communist Party Negro front organization, according to T-50.

NATURE FRIENDS OF AMERICA

Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS

Considered by T-4 to be the pamphlet publishing house of the Communist Party.

"NEW CHALLENGE"

Official monthly publication of the Labor Youth League, according to T-40.

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NEW YORK LABOR CONFERENCE FOR PEACE

According to the "Daily Worker", May 2, 1950, page 5, column 1, the New York Labor Conference for Peace was formed as an affiliate of the National Labor Conference for Peace. T-64 advised on November 28, 1949 that the National Labor Conference for Peace was a Communist instigated and dominated organization.

"PARTY VOICE"

A monthly pamphlet published by the New York State Communist Party, the first issue being dated March, 1953. Its stated purpose is to serve the membership and leadership, as a medium for the expression of opinion and interchange of experience, and as a live Party organizer and educator.

"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, testifying in the case of "UNITED STATES vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL" on October 20, 1952 stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since its beginning in 1945.

SELF DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF THE SEVENTEEN (VICTIMS OF THE SMITH ACT)

A committee made up of the seventeen Communist Party leaders who were indicted in 1951, sixteen of them going on trial on April 28, 1952 in the Southern District of New York, charged with violation of the Smith Act, and formed to raise money in their defense, according to Confidential Informant T-5.

THE UNITED COMMITTEE OF JEWISH SOCIETIES AND LANDSMANSHAFT FEDERATIONS

Serves as a central or coordinating committee and is composed of various national Jewish organizations and trade unions and follows the Communist Party line, according to Confidential Informant T-5.

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UNITED LABOR AND PEOPLES COMMITTEE FOR MAY DAY

According to Confidential Informant T-5, this Committee is identical with the United May Day Committee which is cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

"VETS VOICE"

A monthly publication of the American Veterans for Peace, mentioned hereinbefore..

THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION

Confidential Informant T-35 has advised that this organization is completely dominated by the Communist movement.

"THE WORKER"

Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", described hereinbefore.

WORLD CONGRESS OF WOMEN

Confidential Informant T-36 has advised in May, 1951, that this organization is an instrument of Soviet foreign policy.

THE YIDDISH KULTUR FARBAND

Cited by the Attorney General as within the President's Executive Order 10450.

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA

Confidential Informant T-34 advised that while the Young Progressives of America is not a Communist dominated organization, it receives support from the Communist Party and consists of both Communist and non-Communist youth.

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"YOUTH REVIEW"

Considered by the Labor Youth League to be the
official organ of the Labor Youth League, according to T-40.

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RE: MEMBERSHIP
(Bufile 100-80638)
(New York file 100-80638)

This section was prepared by SA JOSEPH V. WATERS.

Confidential Informant T-2 has advised that BETTY GANNETT, National Educational Director of the CP-USA has said recently that recruiting for the Party has been at a standstill for the last few years, and that most of the recruits gained since 1946 have dropped out. According to the informant she complained that Party leadership had grown old and the young leadership that would normally take its place has not developed. GANNETT also expressed the thought that those members of the Party in leadership positions who had been "isolated" as a reserve and those assigned to underground work should be engaged in the everyday activities of the Party.

Confidential Informant T-9 has furnished a copy of the March, 1953 issue of "Party Voice" wherein appears an article entitled "For A Marxist-Leninist Policy On Party Organization" by LEE AMISTAD, not otherwise identified.

An introductory note to this article states that it is based on a report to the recent conference of the New York State Communist Party, and that the article should be discussed by the entire Party membership as a guide to work.

One portion of his article is addressed to the "Lessons Of The 1952 Registration As Applied To The Situation In New York State". In the course of this discussion AMISTAD urges that all kinds of questions be posed for discussion by Party members and refers to the text of a CP-USA memorandum on the subject which says in part "Whenever we have clubs that do not meet why don't they, and let's dig and get searching penetrating answers to these questions involving the whole membership. Is it a question of club leadership? The content of the club meeting? What does the member feel that he does not get from the club meeting? Does the member feel that the club does not offer him security in the face of the attacks? What about the clubs that do meet - what role do they play in their shops or department or industry?"

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What role do they play in their community? What is the content of the meeting? What is the character of the political discussion? Is the club meeting one in which the members are enriched politically and ideologically, or is the club meeting one in which we have 20 or 21 directives from higher committees, with no political content, and by approaching all members simply as beasts of burden rather than as individuals who are in a position to give political leadership to dozens or hundreds of people in the unions or in the mass organizations in which they function?"

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T-1 [redacted]	Letter from New Century Publishers	5/8/53	HAROLD N. BASSETT
T-2 [redacted]	"History of American Negro" - FOSTER	5/1/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Info. re New Pamphlet on Negro question	5/22/53 3/3, 11, 18/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground operations - Conflict between underground and open Party leaders	5/22/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	National Secretariat meetings	5/22/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground operations - Operational Difficulties	5/22/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground operations - Party Discipline	4/22/53 4/13/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground operations - Fugitives	4/13/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground operations - General	4/13/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	"Party Voice" dated 5/15/53	6/16/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Present status of CP recruiting	5/22/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Factionalism within CP, USA	5/22/53 4/13/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Failure of CP to hold Stalin memorial service	3/11, 18/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Physical condition of ALBERT F. LANNON	5/1/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Sec. measures - attendance at meetings; use of "Self Education" courses;	5/22/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Weaknesses in Party Re Draft resolution	5/22/53	CARL N. FREYMAN

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T-3 [redacted]	Literature Bulletin-5/53	5/1/53	EVERETT K. DEANE
	Literature Bulletin-6/53	5/27/53	EVERETT K. DEANE
	CP, USA news release, 5/25/53, urging "Amnesty for Smith Act Victims"	6/2/53	"
	CP, USA news release, 6/22/53, re ROSENBERG case	6/26/53	"
T-4 [redacted]	Used for documentation: "Masses and Mainstream" New Century Publishers International Publishers "German-American" newspaper		
	Information on JPFO	6/10/53	DAMON W. PITCHER
T-5 [redacted]	"Daily Worker" and "The Worker" subscription campaign	4/2/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	"Daily Worker" and "The Worker" subscription campaign	5/4/53	"
	CP dues payments	7/1/53	"
	10th Anniversary celebration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising	4/27/53	"
	Documentation of the United Committee		
	Documentation of the Jewish Music Alliance		
	Re campaign in behalf of STEVE NELSON	7/1/53	"

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T-5 (contd)	Attendance of E.G.FLYNN at STEVE NELSON dinner on 5/22/53 Documentation of United Labor & Peoples Committee for May Day Documentation of Self Defense Committee of the Seventeen Documentation of the Families of the Smith Act Victim. Documentation of the United Committee of Jewish Societies and Landsmanshaft Federations	6/4/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
T-6 [redacted]	CP support of "The Worker" and "Daily Worker" subscription campaign Furnished "Party Vocie" dated 4/15/53 CP dues payments Security measures - CP Vigilance	5/11/53 5/11/53 7/1/53 6/15/53 & 3/8/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY " " "
T-7 [redacted]	Underground operations - Operational difficulties Underground operations - Modus Operandi Underground operations - Communications Underground operations - Funds Security measures - use of couriers	5/21/53 5/21/53 5/12/53 5/12/53 3/18/53 5/12/53	DAVIS P. HURLEY " " " ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON -DAVID P. HURLEY
T-8 [redacted]	Underground operations - Operational difficulties Underground operations - Modus Operandi	5/5/53 4/28/53	JOSEPH A. CULLEN "

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T-9 [redacted]	Underground operations - Modus Operandi	4/15/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Furnished "Party Voice" dated March, 1953	4/22/53	"
	CP dues payments	6/30/53	"
	Furnished throwaway, "Police Brutality"	4/15/53	"
	Picketing of Chancellor ADENAUER, 4/7/53	4/3/53	"
	Security measures - CP Vigilance	4/22/53	"
	Security measures - CP Vigilance	6/5/53	"
	Security measures - "DW" subscription	3/25/53	"
T-10 NY-822-S*	Underground operations Modus Operandi	5/5/53	
	Underground operations Communications	5/5/53	
	Security measures - use of phones	5/5/53	
T-11 Physical surveillance		5/6/53	HENRY C. RUDA EDWIN H. EILL
T-12 [redacted]	Underground operations - Modus Operandi	4/20/53	THOMAS F. HANNIGAN
T-13	Physical surveillances	April, 1953	SAS, NYO
T-14 NY-694-S	Underground operations Communist fugitives	4/13/53	CARL N. FREYMAN

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T-15 [redacted]	Underground operations - General	4/9/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Security Measures - CP Vigilance	4/3/53	RUSSELL S. GARNER
	Re Draft Resolution affect on ALP	5/20/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Documentation of National Farmers Union		
T-16 [redacted] potential source of information [redacted]	Info. re former UN employees	March, May & June, 1953	SIMON TULLAI
T-17 [redacted]	Bank statements & cancelled checks for the Self Defense Committee of the "17"	5/1/53 6/1/53 7/1/53	WILLIAM T. COOK
T-18 [redacted]	Bank statements & cancelled checks for the account of the Families of the Smith Act Victims	5/1/53 6/1/53 7/1/53	WILLIAM T. COOK
T-19 [redacted]	Bank statements & cancelled checks for the account of the CP, USA	5/1/53	"

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T-20 [redacted]	Plan for raising funds for the Puerto Rican CP	2/5/53	JOSEPH E. GAUZENS
T-21 [redacted]	CP Infiltration of NAACP	4/30/53	philadelphia Office
T-22	Not used		
T-23 [redacted]	Meeting of Negro CP Leaders Philadelphia Negro Leaders Meeting with FATTIS PERRY	5/6/53 5/5/53	philadelphia Office JAMES E. HELMER
T-24 [redacted]	Meeting of CP Negro Commission	5/11/53	New Haven Office
T-25 [redacted]	Nature Friends of America	4/30; 6/16/53	HEINRICH VON ECKARDT
T-26 [redacted]	Nature Friends of America	6/18/53	HEINRICH VON ECKARDT
T-27 [redacted]	"German American" newspaper	6/4/53	DONALD P. ADAMS
T-28 [redacted]	Info. and documentation of the "Greek American Tribune" and the Council of Greek Americans	6/16/53	CHRISTOPHER PAPPIANOU
T-29 [redacted]	Info. concerning Greek sanitorium "Amphissa"	5/7/53	CHRISTOPHER PAPPIANOU

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T-30 [redacted]	Information concerning the IWO	6/24/53	DAMON W. PITCHER
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T-31 [redacted]	Ridgefield Resort	6/25/53	"
	Documentation of the Committee For Progressive Jewish Education		
	Information JPFO	6/15/53	"

T-32 [redacted]	Info. re UN organization	December, 1952	JOHN J. KEARNEY
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T-33 [redacted]	Furnished form letter entitled, "Call For the World Congress of Women"	6/3/53	SA DAMON W. PITCHER
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T-34 [redacted]	Documentation of American Women For Peace		
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T-35 [redacted]	Documentation of The Women's International Democratic Federation		
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T-36 [redacted]	Documentation of "World Congress of Women"		
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T-37 LOUIS F. BUDENZ	Documentation of ALBERT E. KAHN		
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T-38 [redacted]	Labor Youth League Activity	4/30/53	Boston Office
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T-39 Physical surveillance by SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS	Labor Youth League Activities	5/1/53	
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T-40 [redacted]	Labor Youth League activities in New York Area	5/8/53	SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS
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	Labor Youth League activities in New York Area	6/29/53	SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS
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	Labor Youth League relationship to Jefferson School of Social Science	7/8/53	SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS
	Documentation of "New Challenge" and "Youth Review"		
T-41 [redacted] a Panel Informant of the New York Office	YPA activities in New York City	6/29/53	SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS
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T-42 [redacted]	May issue of "Vets Voice"	5/4/53	SA JOHN J. FEEHELEY
	Leaflet - Fact Sheet on April issue of "Vets Voice"	5/18/53	SA JOHN J. FEEHELEY
T-43 Former [redacted]	Documentation of American Veterans for Peace		
T-44 [redacted]	Regarding campaign in behalf of STEVE NELSON	7/7/53	SA DONALD P. ADAMS
T-45 [redacted]	Documentation of REFREGIER		
T-46 [redacted]	Documentation of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON		
T-47 [redacted]	Jefferson School activities	6/17/53	SA CHARLES S. HARDING

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T-48 Anonymous Source	Outline "New Stage in the Struggle for Peace"	5/24/53	
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T-49 [redacted]	Puerto Rican activities	6/1/53	SA ROBERT K. STONER
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T-50 [redacted]	Documentation of National Negro Labor Council		
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	Communist Party mobilized forces to infiltrate church groups, etc.	3/24/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
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T-51 [redacted]	Extent of Communist Party activity at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City	5/19/53	SA EVERETT K. DEANE
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T-52 NY 693-S*	Information regarding Communist Party personnel	4/1/53 thru 6/30/53	
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T-53 [redacted]	Change of leadership in District 22 of the Communist Party	5/12 & 16/53	SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF
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T-54 Fisur by SA DENNIS F. CREEDON, JR., SA EDWARD C. SNYDER, SA JAMES F. MITCHELL, & SA PAUL L. SWENSEN	Trip of CLAUDE JONES to Spring Valley, New York, on 3/31/53.	3/31/53	
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T-55 [redacted]	Security measures - Communist* Party vigilance	4/23/53	San Francisco Office
T-56 [redacted]	Security measures - caution in conversation	5/26/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY
T-57 [redacted]	Security measures - membership applications	6/3/53	SA EDWARD J. KIRBY
	Security measures - use of couriers	6/8/53	SA EDWARD J. KIRBY
T-58 S.C Letter 53-28, dated 4/21/53	Security measures - detection of informants	4/21/53	
T-59 [redacted]	Security measures - use of couriers	4/2/53	
T-60 [redacted]	Security measures - use of couriers	6/9/53	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
T-61 [redacted]	Security measures - miscellaneous	4/9/53	Boston Office
T-62 [redacted]	Communist Party members instructed to join church groups	3/27/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
T-63 [redacted]	Communist Party instructions to infiltrate religious groups, etc.	5/12/53	SA FRANCIS V. GARDNER
T-64 [redacted]	Used in documentation		
T-65 [redacted]	Picket line, Hotel Waldorf, 4/7/53	4/8/53	SA THORNTON M. WOOD

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA for the quarterly period beginning July 1, 1953 and ending September 30, 1953.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, New York, 4/16/53.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC
FROM : SA J. J. FARRELLY
SUBJECT: DAILY WORKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: July 23, 1953

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() [] of known reliability, made available to the New York Office, evidence concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This building is occupied by National Headquarters of the IWO.

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(xx) [] of known reliability made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers Row Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National, State and N.Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Date information received June 3, 1953

Identity of employee who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit

SA J. J. FARRELLY AND SA R. W. THOMSON

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

(X) Placed in NY file 97-169 Serial
Exhibit #

() Forwarded to you for your information and whatever action you deem appropriate.

Description of exhibit: A mimeographed letter, dated November 20, 1942, directed to all districts, addressed "Dear Comrades" and signed "Comradely, National Committee" setting forth proposals in connection with the conduct of an ideological campaign within the Party to develop a fuller appreciation of the vital role of the Daily Worker and a recognition of its indispensability for every Party member.

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cc: 100-80638 (CPUSA, MEMBERSHIP) ✓

Office Memorandum ✓ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : THORNTON M. WOOD, SA (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
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DATE: 8/3/53

[redacted] was interviewed by the writer in connection with the memo of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 6/3/53, on 6/5/53. The informant orally advised the writer that in recent years he has heard no figure mentioned concerning the total membership of the CP, USA or the membership of District 2, CP, USA. He recalled that in recent years the only time he has heard any definite figures mentioned concerning the total membership of the CP, USA when an article by J. EDGAR HOOVER had been printed in a newspaper or a magazine wherein the Director had given the membership figures of the CP, USA.

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The informant recalled that the latest instance such a figure was published to his knowledge was in about April, 1953 and at that time he heard the article discussed in the offices of the "Daily Worker" and heard a statement that the figure which appeared in the newspaper article was nearly correct. The informant went on to state that when such an article appeared, the policy of the CP, USA had been to accept these figures as correct.

[redacted] stated in his particular club of the CP in NY, [redacted] He believed that at the present time, no matter where the CP Club is located, the club membership will consist of [redacted]

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- 1 - NY 100-26603-C1218 (CP NY COUNTY, UPPER WESTSIDE REGION)
- 1 - NY 100-88297 (CULTURAL DIVISION, NY COUNTY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-34632 (CP NY COUNTY WATERFRONT SECTION)
- 1 - NY 100-47344 (CP NY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DIVISION)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 (CP, USA DISTRICT 2)
- 1 - NY 100-89590 (CPUSA STRATEGY AND INDUSTRY)
- 1 - NY 97-169 (PUBLISHER'S NEW PRESS)
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The section of which the club is a part is made up of any given number of clubs. The informant was unable to furnish the number of clubs comprising his section which is the [redacted] of Section District 2, CPUSA. The informant advised that this Section is under re-organization proceedings, the exact nature of which was not yet known to the informant.

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The informant stated that the various counties and boroughs of NYC have always appeared in the following sequence in the listing of membership in the CP:

1. Brooklyn
2. Manhattan
3. Bronx
4. Queens

The Borough of Richmond or Staten Island has no CP membership comparable to any of the other four counties and no party organization is known to exist in that Borough by the informant. Concerning the various concentrated areas for party operation in NYC, the informant stated that to his recollection the only large concentrations now remaining are the Waterfront Section and the Industrial Section. The informant believed the Cultural Section is now practically non-existent whereas the Waterfront Section is still in existence although ver much weakened by loss of membership.

The informant pointed out that where a Comrade is a member of an Industrial Concentration Club, such as the Metal Workers Club or the Metal Workers Section, this Comrade will not belong to a CP Club in his home neighborhood as his entire party activity is utilized in the Industrial Concentration Group to which he is assigned. The informant could not make any guess as to membership figures in the Waterfront Section or Industrial Concentration Section.

Concerning the ratio for membership of District 2, CPUSA against the rest of the US, the informant recalled that the Party, about 1945, had some 40,000 members and of this figure less than half were members of District 2. He continued this analogy by stating that at the present time he estimates there are some 30,000

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Comrades belonging to the CPUSA which figure includes hard core members plus others who have one reason or another have not paid their dues and who are not up-to-date members in full standing. The informant believed that of this total figure there are approximately 12,000 members residing in District 2. Allowing for a maximum of 1,000 members in the Upstate NY area, the informant estimated there are some 11,000 Comrades in the NYC area.

[] stated in the past there has been a definite relation between the quota mentioned for the "Daily Worker"-- "The Worker" subscriptions in the annual circulation drive in that outside of the NYC area, the quota has nearly coincided with the actual membership figures in the various states. For example, the informant recalled that in the State of Montana, the quota for the 1953 circulation campaign was approximately fifty subscriptions to "The Worker." The informant then pointed out that it was his recollection that the membership in Montana is extremely small and that he believes at this time the membership would coincide very closely with the quota established for the "Daily Worker"-- "The Worker" subscription campaign. b7D

The informant advised the quota established for NY State in this campaign includes both NYC and the Upstate area. However, this figure is not so accurate that a ratio may be drawn between subscriptions and membership as in the rest of the US inasmuch as there are many libraries and other commercial institutions taking these newspapers in the NYC area.

The informant stated in relation to the ALP, the ratio of party members to outsiders in this organization has been in the past regarded as one party member to ten outsiders. The informant pointed out that he did not know the total registration of the ALP and was therefore unable to draw a comparison between CPUSA membership in the ALP and the other registrants.

The informant pointed out in connection with the Cultural Concentration Group, that this group formerly was quite strong.

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However, in recent years, the activities and membership has dwindled to practically nothing so that he does not believe there is presently an organized concentration group in cultural activities.

The informant stated that whether a man or woman Comrade was in the Industrial Concentration Group, the Waterfront Group, the Cultural Concentration or any other concentration group. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The informant did not believe that at the present time there are very many unattached Comrades working within the CPUSA even though in the past it had been his understanding that some Comrades have not been assigned to a group, club, cell, fraction, or any other organizational category.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-C41)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT #2
NEW YORK DIVISION (QUEENS)
IS - C

DATE: 7/17/53

On 6/24/53 [] reported the following to the writer:

A [] was held at the home of [] and [] The informant reported he was not present.

[] CP Section Staff Meeting was held. Those present were [] and []

[] told those present he saw [] and [] where the ROSENBERGS were located.

[] also stated the CP should have begun its campaign on behalf of the ROSENBERGS sooner. However, the CRC would not let the CP come out in the open for the ROSENBERGS because by doing so it would have become directly linked with the ROSINBERG case. The Party wanted to pretend it was not interested.

1- []
1-NY 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)
1-NY 100-67197 []
1-NY 100-11163 []
1-NY 100-93861 []
1-NY 100-108771 []
1-NY 100-88084 []
1-NY 100-10113 []
1-NY 100-65073 []
1-NY 100-80675 (CRC)
1-NY 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
1-NY 100-98144 []
1-NY 65-15348 (JULIUS ROSENBERG ET AL)

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The informant reported the CP is still pushing for the completion of the fund drive and for June control.

It was further reported the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" is delivered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to the informant this is [REDACTED] address. However, because the comrades do not want to receive the papers in their own name, the fictitious name of [REDACTED] is being used on a mail box in the apartment house for the comrades to receive their papers. According to the informant this practice is in effect in all the boroughs.

The informant also reported [REDACTED] made two trips to Washington, D.C. to participate in the vigil outside of the White House on behalf of the ROSENBERGS.

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CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP; IS-C. NY-694-S ADVISES THAT IN CONVERSA-
TION WITH LENA AND MARCEL SCHERER HE WAS TOLD THAT, ACCORDING
TO BILL LAWRENCE (WILLIAM LAZAR), CP, USA, CULTURAL DIRECTOR,
"THE NATIONAL CP DUES-PAYING MEMBERSHIP" IS "SLIGHTLY UNDER
10,000." LAWRENCE, ACCORDING TO THE SCHERERS, IS IN A POSITION
TO KNOW MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS "SINCE HE IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED
WITH THE NATIONAL CP OFFICE." INFORMANT EMPHASIZED THAT
LAWRENCE REFERRED ONLY TO DUES-PAYING MEMBERS AND NOT TO MEMBERS
FROM WHOM, FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER, DUES HAVE NOT BEEN COLLECTED.
INFORMANT HAS BEEN ALERTED TO SECURE FURTHER INFORMATION RE THIS
MATTER IF POSSIBLE.

BOARDMAN

3-Bureau (100-3-69) (REGULAR)
1-NY 100-5767 (MARCEL SCHERER)
1-NY 100-34665 (LENA SCHERER)
1-NY 100-667 (BILL LAWRENCE)
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NY 100-80638

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SAC, New York

July 20, 1953

RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603 - C 41)

CP, USA
District # 2
NY Division (Queens)
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Attached hereto, as an exhibit, is a report from Confidential Informant
[redacted] of known reliability, dated 6/30/53 and furnished to the writer on

6/30/53.

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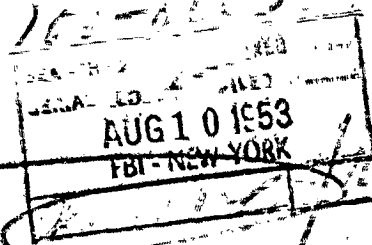
The informant sets forth the manner in which a record is maintained with regard to payment of dues and contributions to the fund drive in Queens County CP.

The exhibit is maintained as exhibit number 49.

- 1 - [redacted]
1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA - Funds)
(1) - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)

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June	1	1	111	1		2.00	5.00	10.00	
Ap	1	111	1	1		6.00	10.00 10.00	PT	10.00
May		1111		1	1	5.00 1.00 5.00	30.00 10.00	15.00 22.00	
June	1	111			1	3.00 2.00	30.00 30.00	5.00	
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District 1			
389 Boston	405	20 Maine	72 Alabama
16 Albany		21 New Hampshire	131 Arizona
		30 Mass.	27 Arkansas
		16 Vermont	131 California
		18 Rhode Island	134 Colorado
District 2			
11,629 New York	12,000	12,000 New York	400 Connecticut
209 Albany			1 Delaware
162 Buffalo			160 District of Col.
District 3			
868 Philadelphia	872	868 East Penn.	78 Florida
4 Baltimore		1 Delaware	18 Georgia
District 4			
170 Baltimore	330	170 Maryland	30 Idaho
160 Washington F.O.		160 District of Columbia	11,88 Illinois
District 5			
280 Pittsburgh	280	280 West Penn.	260 Indiana
District 6			
591 Cleveland	715	683 Ohio	25 Iowa
92 Cincinnati		22 Kentucky	11 Kansas
22 Louisville		10 W. Va.	22 Kentucky
10 Pittsburgh (1 County in W. Va.)			30 Louisiana
District 7			
400 Detroit	400	400 Michigan	20 Maine
District 8			
1388 Chicago	1588	11,88 Illinois	170 Maryland
100 Springfield		100 Indiana (Lake Co.)	300 Massachusetts
100 Indianapolis			400 Michigan
District 9			
412 Minneapolis	412	361 Minnesota	361 Minnesota
		24 North Dakota	3 Mississippi
		27 South Dakota	181 Missouri
District 10			
160 Indianapolis	160	160 Indiana	15 Montana
District 11			
99 Portland	99	99 Oregon	25 Nebraska
District 12			
256 Seattle	263	256 Washington	11 Nevada
* 7 Anchorage		7 Alaska	21 New Hampshire
District 13			
1087 San Francisco	3561	3431 California	846 New Jersey
2204 Los Angeles		101 Arizona	26 New Mexico
110 San Diego		14 Nevada	12,000 New York
14 Salt Lake City		15 Hawaii	58 North Carolina
101 Phoenix			24 North Dakota
District 14			
** 15 Honolulu	846	846 New Jersey	683 Ohio
846 Newark			83 Oklahoma
District 15			
400 New Haven	400	400 Connecticut	99 Oregon
District 18			
330 Milwaukee	330	330 Wisconsin	1,118 Pennsylvania
District 19			
134 Denver	166	134 Colorado	18 Rhode Island
26 Albuquerque		26 New Mexico	9 South Carolina
6 El Paso		0 Wyoming	27 South Dakota
		6 Texas	24 Tennessee
			161 Texas
			38 Utah
			16 Vermont
			11 Virginia
			256 Washington
			93 West Virginia
			330 Wisconsin
			0 Wyoming
			Territories
			7 Alaska
			15 Hawaii
			68 Puerto Rico
			TOTAL 23,931

District 21			
115	Saint Louis	181	181 Missouri
36	Kansas City		
District 22			
83	Pittsburgh	83	83 West Virginia
District 23			
80	Houston	155	155 Texas
32	San Antonio		
13	Dallas		
District 24			
30	New Orleans	30	30 Louisiana
District 25			
78	Miami	78	78 Florida
0	Mobile		
District 26			
21	Richmond	41	41 Virginia
20	Norfolk		
District 27			
50	Birmingham	99	72 Alabama
8	Knoxville		3 Mississippi
17	Memphis		24 Tennessee
2	New Orleans		
22	Mobile		
District 28			
83	Oklahoma	110	83 Oklahoma
27	Little Rock		27 Arkansas
District 29			
60	Charlotte	67	58 North Carolina
7	Savannah		9 South Carolina
District 30			
75	Butte	75	45 Montana
			30 Idaho
District 31			
11	Atlanta	18	18 Georgia
4	Savannah		
District 32			
50	Omaha	61	25 Nebraska
11	Kansas City		25 Iowa
			11 Kansas
District 35			
38	Salt Lake City	38	38 Utah
Territories			
7	Anchorage*	7	Alaska
15	Honolulu**	15	Hawaii
68	San Juan	68	Puerto Rico

Division	
225	Albany
26	Albuquerque
7	Anchorage
14	Atlanta
171	Baltimore
50	Birmingham
389	Boston
162	Buffalo
75	Butte
60	Charlotte
1388	Chicago
92	Cincinnati
591	Cleveland
43	Dallas
134	Denver
400	Detroit
6	El Paso
15	Honolulu
80	Houston
260	Indianapolis
47	Kansas City
8	Knoxville
27	Little Rock
2204	Los Angeles
22	Louisville
17	Memphis
78	Miami
330	Milwaukee
412	Minneapolis
22	Mobile
846	Newark
400	New Haven
32	New Orleans
11,629	New York
20	Norfolk
83	Oklahoma City
50	Omaha
868	Philadelphia
101	Phoenix
373	Pittsburgh
99	Portland
21	Richmond
115	St. Louis
52	Salt Lake City
32	San Antonio
110	San Diego
1087	San Francisco
68	San Juan
11	Savannah
256	Seattle
100	Springfield
160	Washington, D. C.

*This figure is also computed in District 12.

**This figure is also computed in District 13.

TOTAL 23,931

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: August 26, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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There is being submitted herewith for the information of the New York Office a chart showing the estimated Communist Party membership by district, by state and by field division. These estimated membership figures were furnished to the Bureau by each field office and represent the best figures available for Communist Party membership as of June 30, 1953. These figures should not be set forth in any report prepared by the New York Office for dissemination and are being furnished only for the information of the New York Office which is the office of origin in connection with the investigation of the Communist Party, USA.

The report of Special Agent Joseph V. Waters, dated July 17, 1953, at New York, reveals that the New York Office arrives at its estimated Communist Party membership figures for District No. 2 by taking the national Communist Party figures furnished from time to time by the Bureau, such as the attached figures being furnished, and then applying a 1951 percentage figure of 47.475 as being the per cent of Communist Party membership of District No. 2 to the national membership of the Communist Party.

It is imperative that the New York Office develop security informants, sources of information or investigative techniques which will be in a position to furnish accurate Communist Party membership figures. Inasmuch as District No. 2 represents almost half of the over-all Communist Party membership figures, it is necessary that the New York Office obtain independent information concerning the actual Communist Party membership for District No. 2 rather than applying an out-of-date percentage ratio to the estimated Communist Party membership furnished by other field divisions.

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The New York Office should consider the possibility of developing an employee inside the "Daily Worker" printing establishment where the national discussion bulletins and other material prepared for Party members only are printed. Such an informant would be in a position to know how many copies are run off of a particular document which is to be used for Party members only, thus giving some indication as to the number of Communist Party members on a national basis. In addition, this informant might be able to develop information as to the number of copies furnished to a particular district or borough in New York City so that some indication as to Communist Party membership could be obtained on a district or smaller basis. If considerable thought is given to the problem of developing sources for accurate membership information, it is believed that the New York Office will be able to develop more accurate membership data than has been furnished in the past.

The Bureau expects the New York Office to take substantial steps in improving this type of coverage prior to the submission of its next quarterly report which is due October 20, 1953.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-3-4) DATE: 9/1/53
FROM: SAC, New York (100-26603) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
SUBJECT: CP, USA
DISTRICT #2
NEW YORK DIVISION
IS-C

On 8/19/53, [] advised the following to SA RICHARD
H. BLASSER: ~~(U)~~

NAT ROSS, former Executive Secretary of the CRC, reported
the FBI's recent contact with him to [] who merely
shrugged his shoulders and said "It happens every day." ~~(U)~~

ROSS told the informant he was contacted by the FBI team
of LARSON and NOWLAN (SA's HERBERT P. LARSON and FRANK NOWLAN) but
did not talk to them. ~~(U)~~

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2-Newark (100-7451) (RM)

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1-NY 100-13473 (SI GERSON)

1-NY 100-7413 (NAT ROSS)

1-NY 100-50806 []

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1-NY 100-92763 (PETTIS PERRY)

1-NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)

1-NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON)

1-NY 100-80675 (CRC)

1-NY 100-95345 (AMBREY GROSSMAN)

1-NY 100-83496 []

1-NY 100-87211 (CP, USA-FICTIONALISM)

1-NY 100-18677 []

1-NY 100-80640 (CP, USA-NEGRO QUESTION)

1-NY 100-83713 []

1-NY 100-4931 (CP, USA)

1-NY 100-96985 (CP, USA-UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)

1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA-MEMBERSHIP)

1-NY 100-94070 (PROGRESSIVE PARTY)

1-NY 100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY)

1-NY 100-53054 (VITO MARCANTONIO)

1-NY 100-8522 (ALP)

1-NY 100-79717 (POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

1-NY 100-80634 (CP, USA-FARMERS)

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According to [] ROSS is in contact socially with an individual who was the District Organizer of Alabama (in 1945, 1946 and 1947). [] was not able to recall his name but described him as follows: ~~(U)~~

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Age 46-47
Height 6' or 6'1"
Build Husky
Hair Black wavy hair
Jewish background
Member of VALB
White

~~(U)~~

[] advised this above described individual is underground in New York City and keeps N/T ROSS posted as to what's presently going on in the Party. ~~(U)~~

[] further advised that ROSS spoke very bitterly of the present leadership in the Party namely, PETTIS PERRY and BETTY GANNETT. ~~(U)~~

The informant reported WILLIAM PATTERSON of the CRC wants N/T ROSS to come back into the CRC. However, GANNETT does not want ROSS back because PETTIS PERRY is opposed to it. Because of this, PATTERSON had quarreled with GANNETT and PERRY. ~~(U)~~

PATTERSON does not like AUBREY GROSSMAN, also of the CRC, and wants to get him out of the organization. ~~(U)~~

In addition, PATTERSON told ROSS he suspects the worst of [] of the CRC which, according to the informant, means she is suspected of working with the FBI. ~~(U)~~

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[] reported animosity is growing against PETTIS PERRY because of his attitude on the question of white chauvinism. ~~(U)~~

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The unknown underground individual in contact with ROSS told ROSS that PERRY is a "phony" and an "opportunist." He told ROSS nothing can be done about PERRY because none of the CP committees can be called together to act on PERRY. ~~(U)~~

However, PERRY is due to fall in prestige and probably from leadership in the Party. ~~(U)~~

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[] also stated this underground individual apparently is in contact with [] a CP functionary, now underground as he quotes him quite often. ~~(U)~~

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The informant also reported that half of the Party in Denver has been expelled because of white chauvinism and the rest of the Party is "reeling" from it. ~~(U)~~

The July, 1953 "Political Affairs" carried an article on white chauvinism by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and the whole Party is talking favorably about it, discussing it and saying that at last there is some sanity coming back into the Party on the Negro Question. ~~(U)~~

However, before the article was published, PERRY saw the draft and complained to FOSTER that it was too strong and FOSTER toned it down at PERRY'S request. ~~(U)~~

[] believes this article is undermining PERRY who has gone to the extreme on the problem of white chauvinism. ~~(U)~~

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The informant also reported [] of the Bronx County CP, nearly destroyed that Organization as a result of using white chauvinism for immoral acts. ~~(U)~~

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[] advised PERRY has used white chauvinism to rise to the top in the Party. ~~(U)~~

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With regard to the FBI's contact with ROSS, [] told ROSS that the question "Have you ever been contacted by the FBI?" was added to the 1953 registration questionnaire and 40% of the registration in New York City answered "Yes" to the question. ~~(U)~~

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[] advised that because of the recent Philadelphia arrests, CP activity in such places as Boston, Cleveland, New Jersey and Chicago where no arrests have been made, will tighten up considerably. ~~(U)~~

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The informant also reported the New Jersey State Farm Commission meetings have been called off apparently because of the Philadelphia arrests. ~~(U)~~

[] also reported the CP is at odds with VITO MARCANTONIO to withdraw his ALP candidate for Mayor of New York City so that all the CP forces can get behind HALLEY. ~~(U)~~

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Letter to Director
NY 100-26603

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The CP does not particularly like HALLEY but the CP, in line with the recent draft resolution, feels the usefulness of the ALP and Progressive Party is over and "is pulling the rug from under these two organizations." ~~C~~ (U)

The CP feels the liberal forces supporting HALLEY offer the most hope to strengthen the CP. The CP wants the ALP candidate withdrawn to clear the way for the CP in this connection. ~~C~~ (U)

The CP is trying to convince MARCANTONIO he should go along with this, but MARCANTONIO sees the death of the ALP. MARCANTONIO intends to run his candidate even if he only gets one vote. ~~C~~ (U)

The CP sent JAMES TORNEY, former Queens County CP Organizer, and BETTY GANNETT to talk to MARCANTONIO but they did not help the matter any. ~~C~~ (U)

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER had a heated talk with MARCANTONIO concerning the above and shortly thereafter, MARCANTONIO issued his statement that the "Daily Worker" was not supporting the ALP candidate. ~~C~~ (U)

The informant advised many CP members feel the ALP is still useful and are against SI GERSON who is behind the movement to get MARCANTONIO to withdraw the ALP candidate for Mayor. ~~C~~ (U)

[] advised this split between the CP and MARCANTONIO leaves the Party weak and is causing a great deal of discussion, among the rank and file. ~~C~~ (U)

Birmingham has been requested to attempt to identify the individual underground in New York City and who was District Organizer in Alabama in 1945, 1946 and 1947. ~~C~~ (U)

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CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP, IS-C, DAYLET. A SEARCH INCIDENTAL TO THE ARREST OF ROBERT THOMPSON AND SIDNEY STERNBERG ON 8/27 LAST PRODUCED A 2-PAGE MEMORANDUM ADDRESSED "TO ALL DISTRICTS" CONCERNING DUES AND REGISTRATION. THE MEMORANDUM POINTED OUT THAT THE LAST REGISTRATION OF CP MEMBERS RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS REGISTERING CP MEMBERS WHO HAD NOT BEEN REGISTERED IN THE PARTY WITHIN THE PAST FEW YEARS AND, AS THE RESULT, THOSE DISTRICTS NOW HAVE A LARGER MEMBERSHIP THAN WHEN THEY ENTERED REGISTRATION. THE MEMORANDUM POINTED OUT THAT DUES ALSO HAVE SHOWN SOME IMPROVEMENT BUT MORE ATTENTION AND PLANNING MUST BE GIVEN TO DUES PAYMENTS TO INSURE A CONSISTENCY THAT WILL ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF 100 PER CENT. THE MEMORANDUM PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING: 1. MONTHLY PAYMENT OF DUES (WITH INCREASING NUMBERS PAYING AT MEETING). 2. OVERCOME PRACTICES PREVALENT FOR MANY YEARS OF VIOLATIONS OF RATES OF DUES PAYMENTS, NECESSITATING A POLITICAL FIGHT TO CONVINCE EVERY COMRADE TO PAY DUES ON THE BASIS OF HIS INCOME BRACKET. 3. ELIMINATE PRACTICE OF MAKING SETTLEMENTS. IN A NUMBER OF PLACES THE PREDOMINANCE OF DUES PAYMENTS OF 10 CENTS PORTS TO WIDE-SPREAD VIOLATIONS RESULTING FROM LONG NEGLECT OF DUES COLLECTION AND ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THIS NEGLECT BY SETTLEMENTS. THE MEMORANDUM DECLARED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY VESTED BY PARTY CONSTITUTION IN THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY DUES SCHEDULE WAS EFFECTIVE 7/1 LAST. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AND YOUTH (LYL), 15 CENTS; HOUSEWIVES, 50 CENTS; INCOMES UP TO \$40 PER WEEK,

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CC NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, HONOLULU (AL, HLO)

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INCOMES OF \$41 TO \$60 PER WEEK, \$1.25; INCOMES FROM \$61 to \$80 PER WEEK, \$2.50; INCOMES OF \$81 TO \$100 PER WEEK, \$3.00; INCOMES OF OVER \$100 PER WEEK, \$10.00. THE MEMORANDUM POINTED OUT THAT THE CONSTITUTION FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, THEREFORE, IS INSTITUTE AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IN THE FORM OF A SOLIDARITY STAMP EQUAL TO ONE MONTH'S DUES TO BE PAID IN SEPT. AT THE TIME OF THE PARTY ANNIVERSARY.

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AIR-TUL

NY, 9/17/53

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OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, HAS ADVISED THAT MEETING OF BOULEVARD SECTION COMMITTEE, BRONX COUNTY CP, WAS HELD ON EVENING OF 9/15/53. AT THIS MEETING, ETHEL MOSES, SECTION ORGANIZER, ANNOUNCED THAT THE CP HAS BEEN LOSING "A LOT OF PEOPLE" THROUGH FEAR OF THE FBI AND FOR OTHER REASONS AND THAT IT IS "GOING DOWN IN NUMBERS". THE PARTY ACCORDINGLY HAS DECIDED TO RESUME RECRUITING OF NEW MEMBERS ON A SELECTIVE BASIS. MOSES OBSERVED THAT THERE ARE "PLenty OF SCHOOL-KIDSON AROUND" BUT THAT THE PARTY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE CHANCE THAT SOME OF THE RECRUITS MIGHT BE "BORN". MOSES FEEL THAT THE BEST POSSIBILITY LAY AMONG MEMBERS OF PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS. THE BOULEVARD SECTION HAS BEEN GIVEN A QUOTA OF THREE RECRUITS. MOSES ALSO NOTED THAT THE INCREASE IN CP DUES WHICH SHE PREVIOUSLY HAD SAID WAS EFFECTIVE AS OF 9/1/53 ACTUALLY WAS EFFECTIVE AS OF 7/1/53 AND THAT THE MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE. MOSES COMMENTED THAT THE CP WAS NOW IN TRANSMITTING THIS INFO TO THE SECTION. MOSES ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE METHOD OF OBTAINING

- 3 - BUREAU (100-3-68) (REGULAR MAIL)
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- 1 - NY 97-167 (DM)
- 1 - NY 100-68178 (ETHEL MOSES)
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SUB REMOVAL FOR "THE WORK R" AND "DAILY WORK R" HAS BEEN
"SLIPPED" UP TO NOW AND THAT A NEW "THREE MONTH PLAN" WOULD
BE IN EFFECT TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION. IF THE FOREGOING
INFO IS DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU IT SHOULD BE PARAPHRASED
TO PROTECT THE INFORMANT.

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AIR-TEL

NY, 9/18/53

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CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP, IS - C. DAYLET. CI [] HAS ADVISED THAT A FINANCIAL STATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE QUEENS COUNTY NY CP WAS RECENTLY HELD, AT WHICH MEETING IT WAS STATED THE DUES CONTROL PERIOD WILL END OCTOBER SIX NEXT. THE YEARLY CP REGISTRATION WILL START AFTER THE END OF THE DUES CONTROL PERIOD, WHICH REGISTRATION WILL END JANUARY 15, 1954. THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE EXTENDED BEYOND 1/15/54 UNDER ^{ANY} CIRCUMSTANCES. FOR INFO.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

9/4/53

FROM : PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, SA

SUBJECT:

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A report dated 8/23/53 was received by the writer on 8/25/53 from the informant. This report concerns a meeting between the informant and [redacted] CP organizer for [redacted] is the husband of [redacted] and is a CP member in [redacted] with [redacted]

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[redacted] is a CP member from [redacted] who is currently in the United States Army at [redacted] who recently questioned the informant very thoroughly concerning his attitude toward the CP and individual members, apparently in an attempt to discover if the informant was "loyal". A copy of this report is being placed in the file of [redacted]

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- 1- NY 100-75639
- 1- NY 100-23125
- 1- NY 100-104136
- 1- NY 100-107437
- 1- NY 100-100173
- 1- NY 100-73665
- 1- NY 100-9394
- 1- NY 100-26603-CP

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- (CP, USA, District #2, Tri-County Section)
- 1- NY 100-80297 (CP, USA, Cultural Activities)
- 1- NY 100-89590 (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry)
- 1- NY 100-102697 (Cominfil Mass Organizations)
- ①- NY 100-80638 (CP, USA membership)
- 1- NY 100-54651 (CP, USA National Groups)
- 1- NY 100-80641 (CP, USA Organization)
- 1- NY 100-79717 (CP, USA Political Activity)
- 1- NY 100-81338 (CP, USA Security Measures)

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[redacted] although it has not been determined that he is identical with [redacted] mentioned by the informant. A check of the indices of the New York Office failed to reflect a file on [redacted]. The Tarrytown Arts plant mentioned by the informant is the Chevrolet Assembly Plant, Tarrytown, New York. The assignment of the informant given to him by [redacted] was [redacted] and to become very active in the [redacted]. The informant was also told to become active among the [redacted] and to further that end, the informant [redacted]

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A copy of this report is attached. The original may be found in [redacted] as serial [redacted].

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Developmental Facts On the Status of [redacted] As a
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Many points were clarified at tonight's meeting between [redacted] and his Communist Party Section Leader, Comrade [redacted]. These points mainly pertained to my status as a Communist Party member although many questions regarding my non-Communist activities were also asked. In the main [redacted] questions regarding my non-Communist activities were in regard to the manner in which [redacted] and questions regarding the personal status between members of my family and myself.

I met [redacted] at the appointed time and place and [redacted]. She then got out of the car to make a call on Comrade [redacted]. This is a new development because my last recollection was that [redacted]. He may, however, have moved since or he may have been visiting relatives whom I recall do live on [redacted].

At this point I would like to briefly comment on the changed appearance of [redacted] whose [redacted]. She was wearing a [redacted] and her total appearance was that of a [redacted]. The reason I mention this was that the change in appearance involved caused me not to recognize her.

The first significant comment made by [redacted] was in regard to whether I had

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acquired a position. "Would you take a place in Auto?". When I inquired for clarification of her statement, she informed me that she meant obtaining a position at the Tarrytown Auto Plant, that she would make arrangements for my obtaining the position, that Comrade [redacted] will also apply for the same position, that the members of the Communist Branch holding positions at the factory would really develop me as a Communist. This would mean of course she informed me that I would no longer be under her jurisdiction though she would see me once in a while.

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On this point it was concluded that we would wait until our next meeting when I could be more definite about whether I would take her up on her proposition.

She asked me to drive her to the home of [redacted] and en route we discussed [redacted] I explained his queer behavior on his recent meeting with me, his deviationist attitude and his personal comments about her. She instructed me not to tell him anything, and informed me that his application as a Communist was recently rejected. She informed me that she had recruited him. She stated that she and her husband [redacted] recently met him at an affair for [redacted]?, a Communist who is being deported, a man whom the [redacted] know very personally. It is obvious to me that the leadership of the Communist Party wants to keep [redacted] status as a Communist Party member very secret and that the various stories they have been giving me regarding him are deliberately calculated to confuse and to keep me uncertain as to just where he stands with the Communist Party.

She informed me that Comrade [redacted] had raised an objection regarding my last visit to her

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home but she could not recall the objection at the moment.

In regard to my assignment among the Italians she stated that she was pleased with the way I had carried it out, however, she raised serious objections to the title of my column. I informed her that I had no alternative, that it was not my idea and that I had to go along with the idea if I was to write and acquire information in accordance with my assignment. She instructed me to continue this assignment and informed me that she would go over some of them with me at our next meeting.

I raised the criticism of lack of contact on the basis of it being poor organizationally and functionally for the party. She told me not to worry, that I would be developed, that she would bring me literature next week. Then she informed me that should I not enter the Auto Factory setup, I would be placed in a Political Action Branch which is to be organized in mid-September and which will consist of three members. One member will be from the Democratic Party, one member will be from the American Labor Party and I would be the Communist member representing the Republican Party.

At this point [redacted] gave me an assignment on which I am to report to her at our next meeting which will be held at the same time at the same place. The assignment regards acquiring information as to a developing split in the Democratic Party in [redacted] also to acquire information on any primary fights involved, also to acquire information on who candidates are for various political offices and the nature of the offices that they are running for.

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At this point [redacted] asked for my Communist Party dues money. I had a dollar on my person which I gave her. The dollar I paid will cover my dues for the month of January. I yet owe her for the succeeding months. As of July the dues have been increased straight down the line and I owe one dollar and a quarter for those months. I owe quite a bit of money therefore. I informed her that I would be happy to pay but that I would rather pay on a monthly basis so that it would not hit me hard. She agreed.

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Any facts omitted in this report are subject to recall and will be transmitted on next report.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : SAC, NY

From : PHILIP H. SHERIDAN (100-107437)

Subject: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Date: 9/8/53

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A report dated 8/15/53 was received by the writer on 8/19/53 from the informant. This report concerned a meeting between the informant and [REDACTED] a CP member from the [REDACTED] area who is now in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are CP members in the lower Westchester area and [REDACTED] is the CP organizer for lower Westchester. CAPTAIN TERRENCE BRADY is the publisher of the Yonkers Record which is a weekly newspaper published in Yonkers, NY, which has been described as a "scandal sheet" and which basically reflects the personal opinion of its publisher regarding local and national matters.

A copy of this report is attached. The original may be found in file [REDACTED] as serial [REDACTED].

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100 - 8527 (Cominfil into ALP)

100 - 107759 (YCP)

100 - 100173 [REDACTED]

100 - 26603-CH4 (CP District #2 Tri County)

100 - 26603-CH28 (CP District #2 Mid Hudson)

100 - NCF [REDACTED]

100 - 107579 [REDACTED]

100 - 91442 (CPUSA - Cominfil Armed Forces)

100 - 80638 (CPUSA - Membership)

100 - 81338 (CPUSA - Security Measures)

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Report on Meeting Between [redacted] and [redacted]

This meeting happened over a period of five hours. This report will therefore be organized into two sections, the first a general delineation of the nature of what took place and the second a more specific treatment of the information involved. The necessity of omitting many remarks will be understood due to the number of statements made and the considerable amount of time involved.

Section One

Comrade [redacted] called my home this afternoon and said that he would call back at six at which time I received his call and agreed to meet him in fifteen minutes adjacent to [redacted]. [redacted] opening remarks were probatory as were most of his remarks throughout the evening. They had to do with the amount of money I am making, my ability to afford a car, the kind of work that I have been doing, where I've been over the period of time that we were not in direct contact and so on.

Most significant however may be termed the "attitude" adopted by [redacted] throughout the evening. This attitude may properly be termed as a deviationist attitude or an off color attitude where [redacted] is concerned. [redacted] assumed the position of being vindictive against Comrade [redacted], against the American Labor Party, against the Yonkers Peace Committee and against individual Communists such as [redacted]. He sought to impress upon me the fact that he has not been in contact with any Progressives since his [redacted] nor for that matter any Communists with particular reference to [redacted]. The only person that he mentioned as having contacted him was [redacted] who for some reason or other is able to obtain information regarding when he is home.

My position throughout all this was one of unbelief and I notified him in no uncertain terms to "stop pulling my leg". I informed him that I knew him better, made various ridiculing statements and so on. He nevertheless persisted in his adopted attitude up to the point where he plainly stated, "I'm just studying your reactions."

[redacted] pretended to be afraid that I might report his statements to [redacted]. I informed him that I would very well do so if he did not change the ridiculous attitude that he was adopting at which point he informed me that someone in the Communist Party was spilling every little detail to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He gave no basis for this remark.

We discussed the problem of informers at which point [redacted] expressed a strong desire to know how Captain Terrence Brady, editor of the Yonkers Record acquires his information. He suggested the hypothesis that Captain Brady is working in very close union with the F.B.I. At this point, I remarked that [redacted] is very probably [redacted] that he might have something on [redacted] connected with the Communist Party and that he might very well be

extorting such information from the [redacted] When [redacted] asked me who this person might be I stated that I had a negro in mind but that I would not incriminate by giving his name without any evidence to support my assertion. We agreed that this was not our province but the province of the leadership of the Party.

We discussed [redacted] situation in the light of Communist security and action. We concluded that he is under close surveillance and that his position has been cleverly worked out by authorities to render him as harmless and ineffective as possible.

We discussed the history of the Communist Party in Japan and from our discussion concluded that the Communist Party of America must remain underground during this particular historical phase of development.

General Summary:

[redacted] adopted attitude and behavior strongly indicated as he practically admitted, that he was giving me a security and loyalty test probably on instruction of his Communist Party leaders. Results of this test will of course be dependent on [redacted] analysis of my reactions and on future developments.

Section II

Particulars

At [redacted] got into my car and made the suggestion that we go to [redacted] because he knows a place there where many

[redacted] The place is opposite the railroad station there and has been mentioned in previous reports. We conversed over coffee. Our conversation here centered around the history of the Japanese Communist Party. [redacted] informed me that the Communist Party had been twice completely destroyed by the Japanese police and that two men were all that were needed to reorganize the Communist Party in Japan on an underground basis.

On our way back to [redacted] our conversation centered on [redacted] role in the [redacted] He informed me that he is [redacted] and that he is very happy in the work that he is doing for the [redacted] He claims to be involved in some kind of [redacted] in which he is intensely interested. He claims that this work has peaceful and humanitarian purposes and that he is really not involved in [redacted] He claims that in his work he is not required to wear [redacted]

[redacted] most of the time. He constantly reemphasized his enjoyment in his work. He claimed to be [redacted]

[redacted] When we arrived in [redacted] we went into a stationery store opposite [redacted] where he made several phone calls supposedly for the purpose of calling up some girls for dating purposes.

On completion of the calls he informed me that he had been unsuccessful and suggested that we drop down to [redacted] near [redacted] (a place which he has taken me to on other occasions). At the [redacted] we had coffee with other groups who were occupying the cafeteria. It was here that [redacted] 1. criticized the American Labor Party and its leaders for using

him as a front and for keeping him in the dark about activities. He claimed to be a member of the Executive Board and that he had absolutely no say in decisions there.

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2. felt me out on [redacted] He claimed that there was much going on in regard to [redacted] about which I had no knowledge and inferred that she might be talking against me behind my back.

3. felt me out on [redacted] He criticized [redacted] on the basis of [redacted] cutting remarks about [redacted] inactivity as a Progressive, about [redacted] working with reactionaries, about [redacted] inactivity in the [redacted] These statements by [redacted] also give the lie to the fact that he said he had not contacted any Communists or Progressives since his induction. It was at this point that [redacted] made a slip of the tongue and stated that [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party. He immediately corrected this mistake and reemphasized that he himself had not ever been a member of the Communist Party.

4. informed me that American Labor Party had moved to new headquarters on account of the high rental. (ninety dollars per month) He did not however inform me of the new location.

5. informed me that he had been in contact with [redacted] or [redacted]

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whom he met in [redacted] He informed me that [redacted] knew all about me, that she knew more about me than I knew about myself, yet I had never met the woman until after her meeting with [redacted]

6. that he was well aware of the surveillance upon him by [redacted] authorities and that the only magazines he reads in their presence are Life and Time magazine. He claimed that the authorities surveilling him could not do him any damage because he could hurt them more than they could hurt him.

7. asked me if I had wondered about his not writing to me.

8. showed interest in the articles I have been writing.

9. wondered why I have not yet joined the Communist Party.

10. inquired about my progress with the Republican Party and asked me when I am going to run for Councilman.

11. inquired generally about my contacts with any Progressives, [redacted] in particular.

12. Asked me whether much space is being given to the Peace Committee's activities in the Herald Statesman and remarked that since he left not much is being done.

Summary Any information unintentionally omitted at this sitting will be transmitted upon recall.

SAC, New York

9/22/53

PHILIP M. SHERIDAN, SA (100-83125)

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A report postmarked 9/14/53 was received by the writer on 9/14/53 from confidential informant [REDACTED]

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This report covers the activities of the informant on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and his contacts with [REDACTED] who stated to the informant on occasion that she is [REDACTED] is the husband of [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] mentioned in the [REDACTED] and where several other CP members in [REDACTED] The Pro- [REDACTED] mentioned in on [REDACTED] for EARL BROWNE.

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A copy of this report is attached. The original may be found in file [REDACTED] as serial [REDACTED].

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1- [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-75639 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-84873 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100- [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-77040 [REDACTED]
1-NY 100-74566 (CP, USA - POLICE)
1-NY 100-79717 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
1-NY 100-81336 (CP, USA - SECURITY MEASURES)
1-NY 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

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Developmental Facts in Regard to the Status of [] as a Communist

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The purpose of this report is to clarify the developments on regard to the position [] finds himself in. Contact between [] and his superior in the Communist Party Comrade [] has by no means been according to plan. Comrade [] for some reason or other, is being most cautious not to contact me.

Because of this fact I contacted her by phone last Sunday when I inquired why she had not been at our regular place of meeting. It was my understanding from our previous conversations that our contacts would be more frequent. Her behavior in this respect is not consistent. I mention this because [] told me not to worry about my development as a Communist. [] was her specific remark. []

In regard to my last conversation with [] over the phone a few days ago, she seemed loathe to talk over the phone and her manner was such as to warn me not to make any specific remarks openly but rather to use circuitous terminology. For instance, rather than asking me []

[] her question took the following form, []
[] When I replied that I definitely had, she replied []

Her husband at first had answered the phone and had pretended to be [] however, when I said [] I mention this fact to bring out the point that Comrade [] This would indicate that I have been a center of discussion between [] and that I am therefore not of little interest to both of them.

In terms of Comrade [] avowed that she would get up to date Communist Party literature to me she has not done so.

I called [] again last night at about [] She was not home and her [] answered the phone. I left word that she should notify her mother that [] had called.

Up to this writing I have not yet been contacted. I continue to work in terms of reportorial efforts in the Italian organizational field.

Report in Phone Conversation Between [redacted]

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Exactly one minute ago I called up Comrade [redacted] on a prospective meeting time. She informed me that her husband [redacted] is in the Professional Hospital [redacted]. She then told me that it was her considered judgment that [redacted] I am to meet her this evening at [redacted] occurred [redacted] night according to [redacted] Our meeting place will be in front of the Professional Hospital where [redacted] is supposed to be recuperating. At this point I would like to state in terms of recall that a [redacted] a serious member and good friend of [redacted] and wife of [redacted] at the Professional Hospital as a [redacted]. This comes to mind because I was so informed by [redacted] at the time of Comrade [redacted] wife's stay at the same hospital.

I have just returned from a brief meeting with Comrade [redacted] in terms of the arrangements stated above. I suggested to Comrade [redacted] that her husband [redacted] might be working too hard. To this she most affirmatively agreed and stated that [redacted] is the type of man who attempts to do too much, that he puts his whole self into anything that he does. She stated as an example that it is inefficient for [redacted] to know [redacted] but he must know [redacted]. Although this [redacted] on the part of a Communist makes no sense to me, [redacted] did make it enhance its inclusion in this report.

She made the same point in regard to [redacted] practicing and studying, that is, he never relaxes and is constantly on the go. I recall at this point that [redacted] spent a considerable amount of time studying material in Russian which he was to instruct a group of professionals on. The man indeed puts his whole psycho-physical makeup into whatever he is doing. This brings to my [redacted] of [redacted] that is, his [redacted] is of such intensity that [redacted] at times and finds it difficult for [redacted]. [redacted] made no reference to any other type of work that her husband might be participating in at this meeting.

At this point in the meeting Comrade [] questioned me in regard to my status. Once again she inquired whether I had made application at the [] and again I informed her that I had. She then urged me most specifically to apply at this.

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I informed Comrade [] of my application at the [] She accepted this fact without any objection whatsoever.

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I am currently paid up in dues as a Communist Party Member, having handed ten dollars to Comrade [] She told me that I was nine months in arrears and that my giving her ten dollars makes me paid up one month in advance. This of course is in contradiction with the statements made by Comrade [] that as of the month of July I would have to pay a monthly increase of twenty five cents in dues and that this increase applied throughout the entire Communist Party. Nevertheless, at this writing it stands understood between [] and I that I am paid up in dues and that I have in fact paid one months dues in advance. This brings me to an interesting point. The fact that I have paid approximately twelve months dues makes it one year that I am a member of the Communist Party.

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In terms of our next meeting, Comrade [] gave me the following phone number to call on [] This is her work phone number.

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I complained about not getting any literature and emphasized that I would go mad if I didn't get some. She told me specifically that I would be given literature at our next meeting. She also informed me that the man who is to contact me in terms of the new political action branch will not be back for three weeks and that the activities of this new Communist branch will therefore be retarded until that date.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)
FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-4379-68)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
DISTRICT NO. 2, BUFFALO DIVISION
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: Sept. 29, 1953

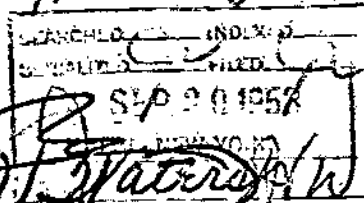
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Re: Remylet, 6/27/53, concerning estimate of CP membership in the Buffalo Division.

Inasmuch as no additional information with regard to CP membership in this Division has been received by this office, the membership estimate in relet, therefore, remains the same, that is a total of 162 individuals.

The foregoing information is being submitted so that the New York Office will have figures on the Party membership in the Buffalo Division for inclusion in its Quarterly Report on District No. 2.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, New York
FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-441)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
(QUEENS COUNTY)
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On 9/17/53 [redacted] advised a [redacted] CP Organizational Secretary meeting was held at [redacted]

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Those present at the meeting were as follows:



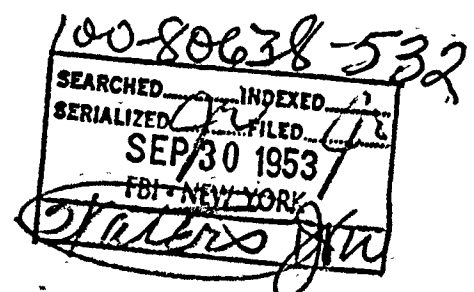
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[redacted] stated [redacted] (LNU) is on the Executive staff of the Region. [redacted] was described as follows:
White, age [redacted]
Height 5' 9", Weight 170 lbs.
Black hair, round face

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1- [redacted]
1-NY 100- [redacted]
1-NY100-114213 [redacted]
1-NY100-80638 (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)
1-NY100-74560 (CP, USA, FUNDS)
1-NY100-89590 (CP, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1-NY100-79717 (CP, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
1-NY100-80633 (CP, EDUCATION)
1-NY100-114746 [redacted]
1-NY100-77925 [redacted]
1-NY100-77507 [redacted]
1-NY100- [redacted]
1-NY100-82711 [redacted]
1-NY100-108771 [redacted]
1-NY100-80211 [redacted]
1-NY100-67197 [redacted]

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[] advised the occupant of the house at which the meeting was held, whose name is unknown, is described as follows:

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White

Female

Age []

5' 8"

Slender Build

135 lbs

Dark Hair

Slender Face

[] reported that at the meeting [] (LNU) did most of the talking and was in charge of the meeting. The informant ascertained [] resides near the [] near or on the []

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[] identified []

[] CP Section of the Queens County CP.

[] gave a pep talk on September dues control. She stated each Section was supposed to have the dues of 25% of their members paid up through September 1953. The deadline for the payment of September 1953 is October 6, 1953.

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[] advised [] announced the yearly CP registration will begin 10/6/53 and will end 1/15/54. This year the registration will not extend beyond 1/15/54.

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[] also advised those present that in the past the Party has paid too much attention to white collar workers. However, this is to be changed. Comrades who are white collar workers will be asked to arrange their affairs to enable them to work among the workers. In fact, four Party families from such sections as Kew Gardens, Flushing, etc. will be asked to move into sections where there are numerous workers, such as Jamaica.

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[] directed the Org.-Sect. present to see to it that nine comrades from the region secure jobs in airplane factories and stated three places the comrades must secure employment namely,

1. Phelps Dodge
2. Idlewild Airport
3. Airplane factories

[] also stated each Section must send two comrades to 73 W. 99 Street, N.Y.C. to accept assignments to canvass for signatures to get GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY on the ballot for District Attorney of Manhattan.

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[] stated the Party would prefer WAGNER for Mayor of N.Y.C. over IMPELLETERI.

[] also told those present that the purpose of industrial concentration is to build the Party.

The last announcement made by [] was that there is to be a continuous school in the region. There will be four sessions that will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 9/29/53. Every comrade in the region eventually will be expected to attend these courses. The Section Staff will decide what course the comrades in the Sections will take.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: October 1, 1953

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-9555)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
 DISTRICT NO. 2
 NEW YORK DIVISION
 MEMBERSHIP
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following is furnished to the New York and Buffalo Offices for use in preparing the Quarterly Report for the period July 1, 1953 through September 30, 1953.

Northeastern Sub-District

Albany Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, estimated the membership in the Utica-Rome area to be 12 members.

Albany Confidential Informants T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, and T-6, all of known reliability and all of whom are in a position to identify Communist Party members, estimate the membership of the Capital District, composed of Albany, Troy and Schenectady, New York, to be 92 members.

Western Sub-District

Albany Confidential Informants T-7 and T-8, of known reliability, estimated the CP membership in Syracuse, New York to be 46 members.

Albany Confidential Informants T-7 and T-9, of known reliability, estimated the Communist Party membership in the Triple Cities area (Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott, New York) and Spencer, New York to be 34 members.

Albany Confidential Informants T-8 and T-10, of known reliability, estimate the Communist Party membership in the Ithaca, New York area to be 21 members.

From the above figures, the total membership of the Communist Party in New York State covered by the Albany Division is 198. 1189-see 10-7 let

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CC: 2 Buffalo (100-4379)

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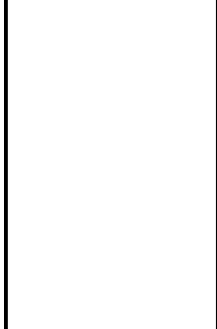
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Re: CP, USA
DISTRICT NO. 2
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October 1, 1953

Informants

T-1:		contacted by SA HENRY OLIVER THOMAS
T-2:		contacted by SA WILLIAM F. GUILFOILE
T-3:		contacted by SA WILLIAM F. GUILFOILE
T-4:		contacted by SA WILLIAM F. GUILFOILE
T-5:		contacted by SA BOYNTON C. LEONARD
T-6:		contacted by SA ROBERT E. MARGISON
T-7:		contacted by SA JOHN D. MAHONEY
T-8:		
T-9:		contacted by SA THOMAS E. HUNT
T-10:		contacted by PETER F. MAXSON

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NY, 10/2/53

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CP,USA - MEMBERSHIP, IS - C. REMYLET 6/10/53 AND URLET
6/29/53. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU REINTERVIEW CGO 5824-S
FOR ANY RECENT AND ADDITIONAL INFO HE MAY HAVE ACQUIRED RE
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH OF CP, USA IN DISTRICT TWO, AND
TERRITORY OF NYO. EXPEDITE AND SUAIRTEL.

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September 28, 1953

SAC, ALBANY (100-9555)

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[redacted] on September 21, 1953, reported that at a Communist Party meeting held on September 18, 1953 it was announced that the Party would begin a membership drive. It was stated that New York State had a quota of six hundred new members to secure. The local area had a quota of sixty members to recruit. The Informant believed that this was limited to the Albany-Schenectady-Troy area but there was a possibility that it includes Syracuse, Ithaca, and Binghamton.

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During the meeting it was noted that this was a poor time in which to recruit Party members due to the fact that FBI infiltration but the cell leader commented that this was a chance that the Party had to take. The leader noted that the new recruits would be isolated in three-man groups so that should one of them prove a traitor, there would not be too much information which he could divulge. The same leader noted that the Communist Party in South America, after it had gone into an underground status, had secured more recruits than it had while it operated as a legal Party.

The leader concluded with the statement that each new Party member would be subjected to a test.

This for the information of the Bureau and New York.

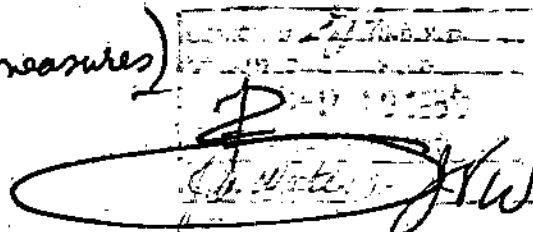
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ORALLY ADVISED SA CARL N. FREYMAN 10/6/53 THAT HE HAS NO
ADDITIONAL INFO RE CP MEMBERSHIP DISTRICT #2 AND TERRITORY
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

DATE: 10/7/53

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FROM : SAC, Albany (100-9555)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT NO. 2
NEW YORK DIVISION
MEMBERSHIP
IS - C

Re Albany letter dated Oct. 1, 1953 which furnished New York with membership of the Communist Party within the Albany Division.

The following change should be made in reflet concerning membership in the Triple Cities area, located in the Western Sub-District.

Albany Confidential Informants T-9 and T-11 of known reliability estimated the CP membership in the Triple Cities area (Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott) and the Spencer, New York area to be 25 members. It is noted that this is a change from 34 members as set out in reflet. The total membership, then, of the CP, District No. 2 in New York State, covered by the Albany Office is 189 and not 198, as set forth in reflet.

Informants

T-9 is [redacted] contacted by SA THOMAS E. HUNT.
T-11 is [redacted] contacted by SA THOMAS E. HUNT.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York

FROM: DONALD P. ADAMS, SA (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
District #2
IS - C

DATE: 9/8/53

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On 8/24/53, [redacted] furnished SA DONALD P. ADAMS with a copy of a "supplement" dated August, 1953 to "Party Voice", which is published by the NY State CP.

This "supplement" is devoted to an article by LEE AMISTAD not otherwise identical entitled, "Party Building and Industrial Concentration". A headnote states that the article is based on a report made to a recent conference of the NY State CP, and should be studied by all comrades, clubs and committees.

A photostatic copy of this publication has been furnished the Bureau for its information.

The copy furnished by the informant is retained as an exhibit, serial 1A 6337 in 100-26603.

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1 - NY 100- (NCF) (LEE AMISTAD)

1 - NY 100-95240 (LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE)

1 - NY 100-26603-C40 (CP, USA, District 2, Bronx Co.)

1 - NY 100-26603-C43 (CP, USA, District 2, Kings Co.)

1 - NY 100-26603-C42 (CP, USA, District 2, NY County)

1 - NY 100-26603-C41 (CP, USA, District 2, Queens Co.)

① - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership)

1 - NY 100-54651 (CP, USA, National Groups)

1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA, Negro Question)

1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)

1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA, Pamphlets and Publications)

1 - NY 100-89590 (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry)

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